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Twenty New Missionaries Appointed

Dr. Maddry Plans to Retire in 1945
By E. C. Routh, Editor
The Commission

At the close of the semi-annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, April 18-19, a friend of missions who has been intimately acquainted with the work of the Foreign Mission Board for twenty-five years, was heard to remark: "This was the best meeting of the Foreign Mission Board I ever attended." With the exception of three or four state representatives, every member of the Board was in attendance. We have never seen manifested a finer spirit or a higher purpose. The Board realized that it faces the most significant world mission opportunities in the history of Southern Baptists, and has confident expectations that at the close of this world war, doors everywhere will be opened to the Gospel.

Twenty new missionaries were appointed, nine for Africa, five for China, two for Palestine, two for South America, and two for Mexico. The appointees to Africa are: Mary Frances Hammett, Greer, South Carolina; Ray Porter Ingram and Mrs. Ingram, Fort Worth, Texas; Jarrett Wood Henry Richardson, Jr., and Mrs. Richardson, M. D., Arlton, Alabama; Annie Josephine Rines, Memphis, Tennessee; Loreta Rees Watkins, Birmingham, Alabama; William Jackson Williams, M. D., and Mrs. Williams, Birmingham, Alabama (Mrs. Williams, who could not attend the meeting on account of teaching duties in Birmingham, will be formally appointed at the May meeting of the Board).

The new missionaries to China are: Lola Marie Conner, Milan, Georgia; Charles Lee Culpepper, Jr., Seminary Hill, Texas; Donal La Von Jones, New Orleans, Louisiana; Mildred Effie Lovegren, Birmingham, Ala. (Continued on Page Fifteen)

DEAR BAPTIST RECORD READERS:

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We will indeed be grateful for information such as this. It will save us a great deal of time and will prevent delay in filling your request.

Thank you,
The Mailing Department.



This group of children together with a large number of other boys and girls who make their home in the Baptist Orphanage are counting on you to make a liberal cash offering on MOTHER'S DAY for their care, support and training. DO NOT FAIL THEM.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

By W. G. Mize, Superintendent

Mother's Day, May 14th, is one of the two special days set aside by our Mississippi Baptist Convention on which an offering is to be taken in every congregation for the children of the Baptist Orphanage.

This year Mother's Day has a little deeper meaning than ever before, in that millions of our young men in the armed forces of our country will be separated from their mothers. Consequently, they will have brought to their minds more than ever the large place that mother occupies in their

lives. These young men will doubtless write letters home expressing love and appreciation to their mothers. Many of us will have to satisfy ourselves with the memory of mother and all she meant to us, for she is not with us now.

In most every community throughout Mississippi, mothers have passed to the Great Beyond, leaving children behind them. Our church has assumed the responsibility for the care and training of many of these children. Therefore, it is most appropriate.

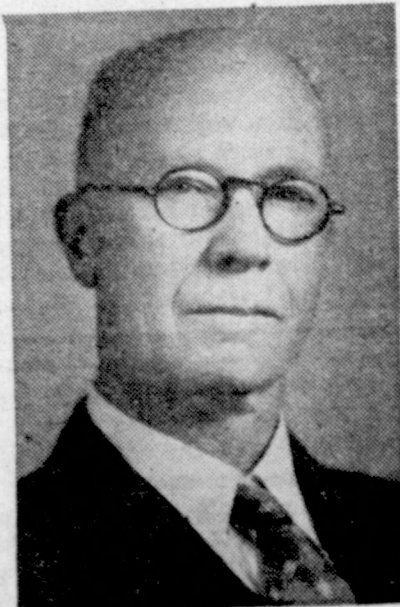
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SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE ABOUT The Deity Of Christ

By W. R. COOPER, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Tylertown, Miss.

(Below we publish another of a series of articles on great Bible doctrines, precious to Baptists. They are written by Mississippians, who know and love Mississippi Baptist work. Next week the subject will be "The Holy Spirit."—Editor.)



W. R. COOPER

The Deity of Jesus is the best attested fact in history today. It is argued by scholars and they disagree on it, though most of the scholars believe in the Deity of Jesus. Most of the learned men of today believe in the Deity of Christ. Run through your mind now and count the great scholars and see how many of them are believers in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

Some who do not believe in Jesus are honest in it but are ignorant. Some are prejudiced so they cannot believe it. It was true of the Pharisees and the Sadducees and others. They had eyes but saw not. They looked as Jesus raised the dead but believed Him a fraud. The blindest man in the world is the man who has eyes and will not see. Prejudice is

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God Did It

By Norman W. Cox
Pastor, First Baptist Church
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HE WON WORLD WAR I

II

"... and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left."—Ex. 14:21-2.

When we read the text quoted above, we exclaim, "How extraordinary!" and we ask, "Why does not God do something like that in the 20th century?" The answer is that He does. His deliverance of Israel in the long ago was not more remarkable than was His intervention a half dozen times or more on behalf of the Allies in World War I.

We thrust out our chests and boastfully say, "We won World War I." We did not. If God had not intervened, the Germans would have won it before Christmas, 1914. If He had not kept on intervening, it would have ended in a German victory before our strength could have been felt in the battle. Unless God had helped us, we could have lost it after we got into it.

1. Germany, in 1914, is a great national illustration of the meaning and truth of the Scripture, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord." Zech. 4:6.

For twenty years prior to 1914, the Kaiser and the German general staff had been making thorough preparation for the conquest of England, France and Russia. The preparation which Hitler and his associates made for World War II was not any more thorough. The nations who were to be attacked by Germany were not prepared to resist them. Everything that could be anticipated that would assure victory had been done by the Germans. Germany was ready and able by all stands of might and power to win a quick and conclusive victory. The English and French and Russians were powerless to prevent the triumph which their great enemy had dreamed. Had they triumphed as they were sure they would and as their military strength gave them every reason to expect that they would, the world for the last 27 years would have had a German master and their claim to being a super-race would have been demonstrated to their satisfaction.

However, God willed otherwise. As in the case of Napoleon, He has a way of having the last and determining word in these matters. The Germans

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Sparks & Splinters

Officers of the student government council of Blue Mountain College for the session 1944-45 are: president, Bea Dawkins, Rosedale; vice-president, Jane Wood, Selmer, Tenn.; secretary, Margaret Wilson, Starkville; treasurer, Jeanette Faires, Corinth; prosecuting attorney, Martha Brown, Louisville, Ky.; defending attorney, Elizabeth Ann Maxwell, Booneville; local representative, Reba Bradford, Blue Mountain; faculty advisor, Dr. Modena H. Peterson, West-son.

Lists like the one we recently received from Mrs. Earl Davis, treasurer of Lake church, Lake, are always welcome. This list included 41 names, containing new and renewal subscriptions and including the names of boys in the service in this country and overseas.

Have you noted the latest move by the radio companies to shackle the evangelical ministry by refusing them the use of radio stations? Just get the rules laid down by the Mutual company, effective September 15, 1944. According to The National Voice these will shut off the air all religious programs whose sponsors or conductors must ask the public for financial aid. Again the subtle power of religious hierarchies is revealed, for it is the independent broadcaster who still preaches a fearless, simply-stated Gospel. Likewise, such broadcasters as Sam Morris will be eliminated, for naturally they cannot finance their programs without the aid of the listening public. Catholics can put on a bingo party in Cincinnati and in one month raise enough money to pay for a year's broadcast over most any network. The beer barons make enough profits in one week to do the same! Wisely does The Voice ask, "Do the American people realize what this means?"

Atlanta, Ga.—(RNS)—The Rev. T. F. Callaway, former president of the Georgia Baptist Convention and at present pastor of the First Baptist Church, Thomasville, has been named by Gov. Ellis Arnall to serve on a new six-member advisory board for the Georgia prison system. Gov. Arnall hopes that the new board will be given constitutional authority to administer all the state's penal institutions.

The Baptist Record office is in receipt of a nice list of additional names to be added to the Central Baptist Church, McComb, EVERY FAMILY list.

Sunday School Superintendent B. B. McClellan of Pope says, "Although Pope is a small town our church attendance is excellent. Last Wednesday night there were 41 at prayer meeting." He also says, "We have the EVERY FAMILY Plan. All enjoy the Record. J. H. Sherman is our pastor."

Baptists throughout the South will learn with sorrow of the recent death of Dr. Ben Cox, Memphis, for many years leader of the Open Door Mission in that city. Prior to that time, he was pastor of the Central Baptist Church. He had been serving in Memphis since 1897.

Philadelphia: Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins will be with us in a revival meeting May 21-31. Dr. Dobbins is a member of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He is an outstanding teacher, writer, preacher and evangelist.—Walter L. Johnson, pastor.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. J. T. Holston, Clinton; Dr. C. S. Thomas, Jackson; Miss Mary Ann Wiggins, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Wm. R. Gainey, of Jackson.

It is reported that two Pike county Romanist priests were picked up Saturday night before Easter Sunday for drunkenness and lodged overnight in the county jail at Magnolia. They were fined in justice court \$123, one for drunken driving and one for drunkenness. One of them is said to have remarked: "It's a — of a note when a man can't get drunk on Easter."

Dr. T. W. Medearis, general superintendent of the Missouri Baptist State Convention, well says, in discussing the general question of the maintenance of our Baptist schools as such: "I for one hope the day will never come when our Baptist schools will be so heavily endowed, or supported from other sources, that it will not be necessary for them to keep knocking at even the humblest doors and hearts for widows' mites and hard-earned pittances, as well as the prayers and patronage of all our people. Our schools are now ours and they must remain so."—Watchman-Examiner.

The American Business Men's Research Foundation has checked a large number of moving picture films. Trained observers checked the Hollywood films and discovered that there were 915 drinking episodes in 221 of the 275 films checked. Many have been considered narrow and bigoted because of their opposition to moving picture entertainments, but if the producers are not more careful of the pictures they put out, all decent Christians will feel obliged to unite in a nation-wide campaign against the attendance of Christians at shows which are essentially degrading.

The May Day exercises of the Baptist Orphanage grammar school will take place on the Orphanage campus Tuesday, May 2, at 4 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

I have just read your editorial on "The Pope's Plea." I commend you most heartily. Our people need to be aroused to the dangers in Romanism. Give it to him again. Have him ask the Germans to move out so the Allies will have no excuse for bombing the "Holy City."—William James Robinson, Kansas City, Mo.

During the past eighteen months total contributions of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, have been \$44,317.96. On a basis of total membership the per capita gifts have averaged a little more than \$34.00 per year. On the basis of resident church membership, the per capita gifts have averaged a little more than \$55,000 per year.

BY THE HAND OF GOD

The Kingdom Digest repeats the story of a British submarine which lay disabled on the ocean floor. After two long days, hope of saving the entombed men was abandoned. Explaining to his men that they did not have long to live, the commanding officer distributed a sedative to his men to quiet their nerves and aid them in going to sleep in order that they might die peacefully, but first requested them to sing "Abide With Me." A certain sailor who was affected more quickly than the others by the sedative swooned and fell heavily against a piece of equipment, thus releasing a jammed lever which had kept the oxygen from being re-

PRIVATE FROM BILOXI WRITES FROM OVERSEAS

"Dear Editor,
"Being a Mississippi Baptist boy now fighting overseas, I am sending you a message. My reasons for writing are two fold. One is that more and more of the soldiers are finding God on the front lines every day than probably has happened in any war. Two is, to assure the people at home that God is watching over us here, and that even though there is war, God answers prayers of the people at home as well as those in foxholes or wherever one comes in contact with God.

Seeking God on the Front Lines

"Since the day our country entered the war there are many a sad and aching heart of loved ones at home as well as among the men on the fighting front. When men on the front lines see their buddies get killed, then they start seeking someone that can give them spiritual strength as well as physical strength. The army has helped this some by providing chaplains for different units. But a chaplain can't be with every man when he needs him most.

"Sometimes a soldier finds himself in a foxhole or crouched under some sort of shelter with shells falling all around him. His thought naturally is going to be on God. Then he will say a silent prayer, or call upon God aloud.

"Recently while on a mission several boys and I were returning to our outfit. All of a sudden out of nowhere we were shelled from what seemed like every direction. We took cover. During this uncomfortable period I saw and heard the whole group, including myself, call upon God to protect us while the shells were falling. When it was all over, everyone said, 'Thanks be to God for protecting us.' God can be found anywhere and He stands ready at all times to listen to His people's petitions.

"It was recently said that the publishing companies were unable to supply the demands for Bibles to the general public. The author said that a large demand was from organizations which were sending pocket size Testaments to the service men overseas. And speaking for the service men I say 'May God's blessings be upon you forever, and many thanks for providing us with them.' When a Christian soldier finds himself confronted with loneliness or in need of help it is comforting to his soul and pleasing to God for him to be able to read God's word on the front lines.

"This serves two purposes. (1) When one reads God's word he is also worshipping God and talking to God. (2) When one reads and has finished reading God's word he will (and I hope everyone does) give thanks for being able to read God's word and the many blessings he has received. Many a soldier has found God through daily reading of His word and then by way of his own personal way of seeking God through prayer. My belief is that they realize that this war can't be won without God."—Pfc. Aubrey Fest.

leased so that the submarine could rise to the surface of the ocean. To the amazement of the entire crew, in a few moments the submarine was on the surface, and a few days later they arrived safely in a British port in good condition, due to the direct intervention of God Almighty.—Exchange.

HOW TO KILL YOUR PASTOR

The following rules, if carefully followed, will kill any preacher on earth. Kill his influence, kill his ambition, kill him mentally, morally, spiritually and physically:

"1. Stay away from church, especially on bad days, when you know only a handful will be present anyway.

"2. Stay away from the Wednesday evening prayer service because there never is a large group present.

"3. When the sermon is over, leave the church in a hurry without speaking a word of encouragement to the pastor.

"4. When you get sick, don't let him know about it, and then criticize him for not coming to see you.

"5. Never invite him or his family out to dinner in your home. They never enjoy a social hour.

"6. Pay just as little as you can to the church and then always grumble about the church wanting money. That makes the pastor feel good.

"7. Never give up your allegiance to your former pastor. Constantly quote him in all things and keep him in contact with everything that is going on and ask his decision in the matter of the church. After all, you really are cooperating with your present pastor (if your former pastor advises it).

"8. Never give your pastor anything except what you promised. That might make him think you appreciate him.

"9. Always have some 'fool excuse' when he wants you to do something in the church. That is what you pay him for.

"10. Never call at the pastor's home, but raise old 'Billy Cane' if he doesn't visit you once or twice a week.

"11. Don't ever offer to help in any way, for he might think you are 'butting in.'

"12. Act as cold and indifferent toward him as you can, and he will think you are dignified.

"13. Never bestow any kindness upon him or his wife on their birthdays, wedding anniversary, pastoral anniversary, Christmas, etc. Just forget them entirely, for they might think you love them. These little remembrances would be too kind."

AIRMEN ATTEND CHURCH MORE THAN CIVILIANS

Warner Robbins, Ga.—(RNS)—Workers at the Army Air Forces maintenance center here do not attend church as often as the military personnel, despite the fact that their church affiliation is higher than the national average, a survey among the 15,000 civilian residents of the war-born boom city reveals.

It was found that although 73 per cent of the homes in the civilian community are officially connected with a church and that 25 per cent, though not members of a church, had definite religious preferences, only 7 per cent are going to church on Sundays, whereas 12 per cent of the military personnel attend services regularly.

The data obtained will be used to assist churches established here to keep in touch with their members. Contacts will be made with each newly-arrived resident and opportunities will be offered civilians to hold their own devotional services in the repair hangars during rest periods.

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publickly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

I

We are ending a period of great conferences. The six Evangelistic Conferences were inspiring and helpful. Then came the six Negro Bible Institutes attended and appreciated by many Negro leaders. The W. M. U. Convention probably was the best in history. Next follow three Sunday School Conventions, B. T. U. district meets and five pastor meets. Truly, Baptist Zion is having opportunity, information and inspiration. The summer revivals follow. A very notable thing has happened in Mississippi Baptist life. It is generally accepted as a fact that baptisms fall off during a war year. Southern Baptists did register a decline in baptisms, though the total is still above 200,000 annually.

However, we rejoice that for 1942 Mississippi Baptists gained over 600 in baptisms over 1941. This is not a tremendous gain, but it is a gain and much operating costs. Time for another Doxology!

Another significant thing has happened in our life. "Overhead" has bothered not a few. In 1939 our "overhead" in our state work stood at 16 per cent. The next year, due to the six months' Now Club campaign, it went to 17 per cent. In 1941 it went down to 13 per cent. In 1942, it tumbled to 8 per cent. Last year it stood at probably an all-time low of 3 per cent. This came about by an increase in contributions and by reducing items chargeable as operating costs. Thine for another Doxology!

In the special dedicatory service at Ruleville, the "Gil Shelton Memorial" was set up in the form of a \$1,500 gift by the family for an organ. This is a beautiful tribute to one who gave himself to his country.

It was a joy to us to be privileged to linger in a few services with Pastor E. F. Graeser and his folks at Eighth Avenue, Meridian. Their Sunday school is A-1. The building is as lovely as your heart might wish. They are in the first 100 group of contributors. Good fellowship. We were also happy to meet with the Meridian pastors—all were present. This is one of our strongest associations.

During the years in our pastorates, Dr. Gunter was the only person who spoke of State Missions in any emphatic way, so far as we remember. Frankly, we heard him criticized for that emphasis more than we heard him praised for it. Dire results came from such an attitude. Baptists have lost entire areas of this state to "off-brand" religions. We were in danger of losing hundreds of churches, and would have but for the fact that we waked at this point. Judea (State) Missions is the second emphasis in Acts 1:8. We cannot long be obedient to Jesus without going into Judean Missions. When denominational leaders and church leaders have a passionate spirit at this point, the King's Business will pick up. We do not recall a dominant passion at this point in a single organization through the years. We sinned ourself right here. We now try to make up for such a former lack!

We were delighted to be back at New Haven with Pastor Benson and his people. They seem eager to hear more about mission needs and fruits.

Pastor Riddell, West Laurel, had certainly be happy over the way the men turned out at a Brotherhood meeting. We enjoyed the fellowship and another opportunity for service. Pastor Riddell has entered fully into our Mississippi Baptist work.

Burnsville dedicated their church building, and Pastor Pate and the people were happy even on a rainy day. It DID rain! Dr. Barr and others participated in this service.

First Baptist Church, Starkville, has some loyal men and women, as well as young people in its membership. Dr. Ray has led them in good foundations. We were glad to help ordain some deacons there.

II STUDY I REVIVE US AGAIN

John 7:37-39; Romans 12:1; Romans 6:13

"In a world heaving between universal revolution and universal revival our only safety is in renewed touch with the original power of the Christ." So writes an anxious pastor. However, man's extremity is God's opportunity. Whenever man was at his worst, God was at His best.

"I. The Need For a Great Revival

"The progress of redemption is an oscillating one. The advance of the gospel is like the ebb and flow of an incoming flood tide. The Bible is a manual of such spiritual revivals. (See Ex. 35 and 36; I Sam. 7; II Sam. 6; II Chron. 17; II Chron. 30-32; II Chron. 34; Neh. 8; Hag. 1 and 2.)

"The tide is out today, the ocean is not running dry. The church is not on the eve of perishing. It is on the eve of its greatest revival.

"II. Our Local Churches Need Revival

"The first church at Jerusalem after its early conquests settled down in smug contentment with its Christ-given commission only commenced (Acts 1:8). Persecution put a thorn in their nest. Thus revived, they continued their task. (Acts 8:1, 4, 5, 26; 10:21; 11:19.) The churches of Asia needed reviving. (Rev. 2:4; 3:14-18.) The nail-pierced hand of Christ is knocking at our church doors today. (Rev. 3:20, 21.)

"III. Individual Believers Need Revival

"Peter's experience is typical. (See Matt. 26:40, 43, 56, 69-75.) Christ was mindful of Peter. (Luke 22:31, 32.) Peter is revived and makes his great confession. (John 21:15-19.) David sinned and needed revival. (II Sam. 11.) His prayer for revival in Ps. 51 may well be ours."

III

STEWARDSHIP POINTS

"While all the teachings of the Bible are important there are some that need special stress today.

"1. Christian stewardship is not primarily a means for raising money but a plan for making the right kind of men. 'I seek not yours but you.' (2 Cor. 12:4.)

"2. We are not to be stewards simply because God made us but because He redeemed us. (I Cor. 6:19, 20.)

"3. Christian stewardship is not so much a matter of duty as the expression of gratitude. It is the economic expression of Christian experience. (2 Cor. 9:15.)

"4. Christian stewardship is not only a matter of law requirement but of love expressing itself in practical service. (John 14:15.)

"5. Christian stewardship is not driving a sharp bargain with God but entering into a blessed partnership with Him. (I Cor. 3:9.)

"6. Christian stewardship relates not to money alone but also to personality and powers and all of life. (Rom. 12:1.)

"7. Christian stewardship is not confined to a part of one's time and money, but requires that the whole be held and used according to God's will. (Col. 3:17.)

"Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ."

—First Baptist Advance, Abilene.

IV

THE CHRISTIAN'S DAILY QUESTIONNAIRE

- Does my life please God?
- Do I enjoy being a Christian?
- Do I cherish in my heart a feeling of dislike or hatred for anyone?
- Am I studying my Bible daily?
- How much time do I spend in secret prayer?
- How long has it been since I won a soul to Christ?
- How long since I had a direct answer to prayer?
- Do I estimate the things of time and eternity at their true value?
- Am I praying and working for anyone's salvation?
- Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ?
- How does my life look to those who are not Christians?
- Where am I making my greatest mistake?
- Do I place anything before my Christian duties?
- Am I honest with the Lord's money?
- Have I neglected any known duty?
- Is the world better or worse for my living in it?
- Am I doing anything that I would condemn in others?
- Do I have a clear conception of my place in the Lord's work?
- What am I doing to hasten the coming of Jesus?
- Am I doing as Christ would do in my place?

The Christian's daily testimony should be "Only to be what He wants me to be—every moment of every day."—Contact.

V

THE TITHE

(Mal. 3:8-12)

- The pilfering of the tithe—"Ye have robbed me."
- The punishment for pilfering the tithe—"Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me."
- The plea for the tithe—"Bring."
- The people of the tithe—"Ye."
- The portion of the tithe—"All the tithes."
- The place for the tithe—"The storehouse."
- The proof of the tithe—"And prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts."
- The promise of the tithe—"If I will not . . ." (a) Send seasonable showers—"Open to you the windows of heaven," etc.; (b) destroy destructive devourers—"And I will rebuke the devourer," etc.; (c) remove blighting mildew—"Neither shall your vine cast her fruit"; (d) remove the reproach of famine—"And all nations shall call thee blessed"; (e) remove all unpleasantness—"For ye shall be a delightful land."

VI

1944 B. T. U. Theme Song

"THY WILL BE DONE"

By B. B. McKinney

VI

Who died to save us all.

Thy will be done in all the earth
As in Thy heav'n above,
And may all nations come to know
The fulness of Thy love.

Thy will be done in all mankind
At home, beyond the sea;
The living Christ be lifted up
That all may live for Thee.

Thy will be done in every heart
Whatever may befall,
O give us strength to follow Him

Thy will be done in every church
Redeemed by Christ our Lord;
God help us win and teach and train
According to Thy Word.

(Refrain)

Thy will be done, dear Father!
Almighty God Thou art!
O Let Thy love and beauty reign
Supreme in every heart.

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A WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOAL FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

Every Mississippi Baptist Church
contributing through:

1. The Cooperative Program.
2. The Now Club.
3. A summer assembly.
4. A State Brotherhood secretary.
5. A full time worker with the
Negroes.
6. A worker at Whitfield.
7. Two rural evangelists instead of
one.
8. A full time Indian worker.
9. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
10. At least ten enlistment pastors.
11. Enlarged soldier work.
12. Chinese worker.
13. Associational missionaries.
14. Mississippi Baptists out of debt.
15. A Sunday school, a Training
Union, a Missionary Union and a
Brotherhood in every church.
16. The Baptist Record in every home.

—BR—

WE ARE NOT JEALOUS

The first page of the Baptist
and Reflector (Tennessee state
paper) gives an article by Execu-
tive Secretary Charles W. Pope
with the following head: "Debt-
Paying Campaign Is Finished." Secretary Pope stated in the ar-
ticle, "Tennessee Baptists are
free from debt. . . . The Tennes-
see Baptist Convention and other
state-wide Baptist institutions are
now free from the shackles of
debt. . . ."

One by one our states are get-
ting out of debt.

While we are not jealous of the
fact that our sister state is debt
free, we do long to see the day
when we can print on the first
page of The Baptist Record in red
letters (the printer says he will
do it) the following head,

"Mississippi Baptists are Debt
Free"

The Now Club is our plan for
reaching that goal and the month
of June has been designated as
a day of special love offering to
speed the day when Mississippi
Baptists will be debt free.

PAPER RATIONING STILL A POSSIBILITY

Although The Baptist Record
has been classed by the War
Production Board as a news-
paper and therefore is not yet un-
der any paper restrictions, there
is no guarantee that rationing will
not come. There have been three
amendments to the rationing pro-
gram since December, and any-
time rationing may come.

Concerning the paper shortage,
we quote from a recent editorial
in the Clarion-Ledger:

"Faced with a critical shortage of
wood pulp, from which paper is made,
the War Production Board months
ago took action to meet the emer-
gency. Seeing no hope for an in-
crease in labor available for forests
and factories, the board concerned
itself with two plans.

"First and foremost was conserva-
tion of available supplies. To this
end, newspapers, the largest users,
were given definite quotas in tonnage
for each quarterly period of the year.
The second plan was to boost col-
lection of waste paper, which can
be used only in making containers.

"Quotas established for news-
papers were smaller than their re-
quirements. The problem was further
complicated by great increases in
newspaper circulation. These factors
combined to pose a real problem for
publishers. Compliance with restric-
tions has resulted in loss of advertis-
ing revenue and mounting complaints
from readers.

"There is nothing a publisher can
do but comply with this win-the-war
order. Newspaper readers can aid in
the critical days ahead by saving all
waste paper and turning it in to the
salvage drives or to waste paper
dealers. The more waste paper made
available for containers, the more
wood pulp can be diverted to news-
print."

We give the above information
so that any individual intending to
subscribe to the Record or any
church planning to adopt the
EVERY FAMILY Plan may do so
while we are ration free. We
should very much dislike to have
rationing come and be forced to
refuse subscriptions.

—BR—

CHURCHES SHOULD

As many of our readers know,
the Southern Baptist Convention
is scheduled to meet in Atlanta,
Georgia, May 16-19. This Con-
vention is very important because
no Convention was held last year
and because several matters of
great interest will come before the
meeting. It is becoming more and
more the custom of churches to
send their pastor to the Southern
Baptist Convention. This is a
custom that should be followed by
all churches. It pays large div-
idends. Pastors who go will re-
turn better pastors, with a larger
outlook.

If your church has not already
made arrangements to take care
of the expense of your pastor, it
should do so at once.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE RURAL PASTOR

Rural pastors work with the
people who live close to the thro-
bbing heart of the earth and who
feel their dependence upon the
Creator of it, trusting His care in
sending the sunshine and rain,
seed-time and harvest.

They walk in royal company—
with David, Israel's sweet singer
—honest Amos, of Tekoa—fiery
Elijah, of Gilead—fearless Elisha,
from the fields of Jordan's plain
—and John the Baptist, that
trumpet-like voice from the
Judean wilderness heralding the
blossoming of the Lily of the
Valley, the Rose of Sharon, and
the coming of the Lamb of God
that takes away the sin of the
world!

These rural pastors break up
the fallow ground and sow the
seed of God's Word. They seek
to bring the lost sheep to the fold.
They search for the lambs stray-
ing in the night of sin. They are
shepherds—leading their church
flocks to share in the work which
will hasten the morning when the
Sun of Righteousness will rise
over all the earth with healing in
His wings. They help the mis-
sion secretary, they pray for him
and all the causes dear to the
heart of the Savior. They de-
serve the credit of the faithful
and the praise of the discerning,
for their paths are not always
easy. They minister in the heat
of summer and in the cold of win-
ter often with pay not worthy of
their sacrifices.

But in that last day when the
great Lord of the Harvest looks
across the heavenly fields and be-
holds the sheaves they have
brought—then will they be re-
warded by Him Who knows the
hearts of men!

By D. A. (Scotchie) McCall

—BR—

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING FOR ORPHANS

May 14 will be Mother's Day
this year, and as is the custom in
Mississippi, the churches will take
an offering for the Mississippi
Baptist Orphanage. A good memo-
rial for a departed mother can
be given through this offering.
The children at the Orphanage in
Jackson each year look forward
to this season as one when they
will be remembered—in the
churches. Again at Thanksgiving
the Orphanage will be the re-
cipient of special gifts.

—BR—

The many Mississippi friends of
Rev. J. H. Kyzar, pastor of the First
Baptist Church of Laurens, S. C., and
native Mississippian, will be glad to
hear of the recent good revival in
his church. The preacher was Dr. J.
Clyde Turner of Greensboro, N. C.

25 Years Ago

Rev. L. G. Gates of Laurel will
assist Pastor Eug. Stephens in a
meeting at Highland church,
Meridian, beginning May 26.

Dr. H. N. Virgin, reared in New
Orleans, educated in Mississippi
College, once pastor in Roanoke,
Va., recently "Y" preacher in
France, has been called to First
church, Amarillo, Texas.

President L. R. Scarborough, of
the Ft. Worth Seminary, recently
held a great meeting with the First
church, Abilene, Texas. One hun-
dred and six additions to the
church. Rev. Sam H. Campbell is
the aggressive pastor. The church
gave \$2,500 for his seminary work.

The church at Lula has just
completed their splendid house of
worship. The Sunday school met
in the building the first time last
Sunday.

Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins of the
Sunday School Board will attend
the Cuban Baptist Convention,
which will be in Havana April 12.
He will also visit the various mis-
sion fields in Cuba.

RIDGECREST SEASON OPENS JUNE 7

The 19th annual Southwide Baptist
Student Retreat will be the opening
meeting of the Southern Baptist
Summer Assembly at Ridgecrest,
North Carolina, June 7-14. In spite
of war conditions, indications are
pointing to a large gathering of col-
lege youth in the "land of the sky."
Among the personalities appearing
on this program will be Dr. T. F.
Adams, Dr. C. Roy Angell, Dr. Floy
Barnard, Miss Inabelle Coleman, Mrs.
Jessie Burrall Eubank, Dr. Ellis A.
Fuller, Dr. Maxfield Garrott, Dr.
Clarence Jordan, Dr. Duke K. McCall,
Dr. H. H. McMillan, Prof. W. Plunkett
Martin, Dr. J. W. Hill Marshall, Miss
Juliéte Mather, Dr. Harold W. Trib-
ble, Dr. J. Maurice Trimmer, Rev. W.
O. Vaught, Jr., Mr. Charles A. Wells,
Mrs. J. O. Williams. Special em-
phasis will be placed upon missions
in the postwar world.

—BR—

BLUE MOUNTAIN SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS MAY 31

The summer session of Blue Moun-
tain College will begin May 31 and
close August 11, with Dr. Lawrence
T. Lowrey serving as president and
director. The first assembly will be
June 1. The second term begins
July 7.

The faculty follows: Mrs. J. B.
Leavell, dean of women; Ernest H.
Cox, Ph. D., dean and professor of
English; Jennie Lee Hunt, B. A.,
registrar; Alonzo M. Donnell, M. A.,
botany and chemistry; Lindy Berry,
B. Mus., voice, public school music;
Lucy Hutchins, Ph. D., Latin; Dixie
Martin Marcum, Ph. D., education;
Frances Bell Hollowell, B. A., mathe-
matics; Elizabeth Hutchins, M. A.,
Spanish; Annibel Jenkins, M. A.,
English; J. B. Henderson, B. S., social
science; Elizabeth Purser, B. A., B.
L., I., B. E., speech arts; C. J. Smyly,
Th. M., Bible; Martha Haynie, B. A.,
social science; Lucy Lamb, B. A.,
librarian; Aliene Johnson, M. A.,
English; J. E. Buchanan, Jr., B. S.,
business manager.

MERIDIAN LAYMEN SPONSOR REVIVAL

Laymen of Meridian have united in an effort to sponsor an inter-denominational revival under a gospel tent on the city hall lawn beginning May 15.

For the past several weeks these men, representing twenty churches of all denominations, have been meeting regularly for prayer, praise and planning.

Aubert Dunn, native of Meridian, former member of the United States Congress, former district attorney, and otherwise active in this section, has been chosen as the evangelist.

The executive committee of the laymen's organization which is sponsoring this unique revival, believed the only one of its kind ever held in the state, is composed of James J. Fox, chairman; Dr. H. H. Ellis, co-chairman; R. E. Cowan, secretary; W. D. Cook, treasurer; Lewis Wilson, D. L. Sturdivant, G. S. Burnett and V. S. Broyles. Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodists are represented in the executive committee.

It was after much prayer and consideration that the laymen launched upon their venture of bringing to the people of the community a genuine old-time religious revival. Approval of the Ministerial Association has been given and the ministers have pledged to pray and cooperate with the men of their congregations in every possible way.

Launching upon this county-wide program the men of the churches of all denominations had the conviction that any laxity in the Christian life of the community, indifference to the church, the Sunday school and the gospel, could well be laid at the door of the laymen. With such in mind they set about to create a program through which adults and young people might be helped in their religious lives.

The tent in which Mr. Dunn will preach in this inter-denominational revival is the gift of Meridian friends. It will be dedicated here and will thereafter be used to the glory of God and in bringing in His kingdom. It is fitting that the evangelist launch his tent revivals in his native city where he was "reborn" and where he preached his first sermon following his graduation from the seminary.

Men who are sponsoring this great program covet the prayers of Christian people throughout the state.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Marion (April 16)	48	36
Bowmar Avenue	107	74
West Side Natchez	93	43
Crystal Springs	285	103
Brookhaven	395	153
Shelton (Jones)	16	26
Center (Union)	59	62
Wallerville	54	37
Laurel First	211	83
New Albany	402	136
Pope	51	
Parkway Jackson	400	156
Griffith Memorial	431	291
Calvary	790	257
First Baptist Jackson	750	
Olive Branch	80	43
Louisville	219	75
Ramah (Franklin)	90	66
Concord (Franklin)	13	13
Bogue Chitto (Pike)	86	
McDonald (Leake)	67	65

Pastor Walton E. Lee of Como writes that he recently had Rev. L. C. Riley of Memphis with him in a meeting at Crenshaw.

By Dr. Chester M. Savage

Called and Accepted

H. J. Logan, Pace, Miss.
J. T. Carter, Agricola, Miss.
F. E. Runyan, Barton, George county, Miss.

Waldo Specht, Greensbury, Mo.
Buell T. Wells, Clinton, Ky.
Willard Bright, Versailles, Mo.
R. I. Jones, Farmdale, Louisville, Ky.

A. H. Hicks, Malden, Mo.
A. R. Chandler, Mallory, Macon, Ga.
W. R. Taylor, Chipley, Ga.
L. F. Smith, Morven, Ga.
J. E. Baldison, Smithfield, Va.
A. G. Carter, Bedford, Va.
Ellis L. Tiffany, Union Star, Mo.
R. S. Wilson, Moro, Ark.
Luther Joe Thompson, Selmer, Tenn.

G. T. Greenwell, Cowan, Tenn.
John C. Hedrick, Greenfield, Tenn.
A. E. Lightfoot, Brentwood, Jacksonville, Fla.
J. M. Bryant, Little City, Okla.
Felix Quinton, Watts, Okla.

Resigned

E. G. Martin, Market Street, Houston, Texas.
Frank Oglesbee, Fletcher, Texas.
L. O. Holloway, Alamo, Texas.
C. E. Vickery, Crane, Texas.
Ralph E. Perkins, Hico, Texas.
Joe Shaver, Deport, Texas.
H. F. Ziegler, South St. Elmo, Chattanooga, Tenn.

John C. Hedrick, Dickson, Tenn.
Edmond H. Rice, Fernandia, Fla.
A. E. Lightfoot, Starke, Fla.
S. B. Jordan, Canal Point, Fla.
J. B. Cooke, Pinecastle, Va.
H. J. Logan, Rome, Miss.
J. T. Carter, Summerland, Miss.
N. S. Dunham, Greensbury, Mo.
J. T. Spurlin, Hayti, Mo.
Robert Abernathy, Fee Fee, St. Louis, Mo.

Buell T. Wells, Marion, Ky.
J. L. Robertson, Bandana, Ky.
A. H. Hicks, McKenzie, Tenn.
Dr. C. W. Durden, St. John's, Charlotte, N. C.
W. R. Taylor, Roberta, Ga.
J. E. Baldison, Calvary, Petersburg, Va.
A. G. Carter, Main Street, Danville, Va.

NORTHERN BAPTISTS LAUNCH WORLD ORDER CRUSADE

New York—(RNS)—A "World Order Crusade," sponsored by the Council on Christian Social Progress of the Northern Baptist Convention, was officially launched here (March 22) at a luncheon meeting attended by more than a score of denominational leaders.

Identical in its objectives to the recent Preaching Mission on World Order of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches and the Bishops' Crusade of the Methodist Church, the Baptist campaign will culminate on World Order Day, Sunday, May 7.

On that day every Northern Baptist clergyman will be asked to preach on an appropriate text and to provide means for his congregation to express their views on world order to statesmen and legislators in Washington. Special blanks for this purpose will be distributed to all churchgoers.

Purpose of the crusade, the denominational leaders were told, is to encourage in local churches the study of problems relating to world organization and to request every adult Northern Baptist to make known his

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

May 1944

Revivals should be held in all churches immediately following the Appelman Soul Winning Revivals.

Southern Baptist Convention, May 16-18.

Cooperative Program Emphasis.

Now Club Emphasis.

Tithes and Offerings.

Daily Bible Reading.

Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More—November First, 1944.

Brotherhoods Stressed.

S. S.—Vacation Bible Schools;

Hospitals; Christian Home Week

May 7-14; Cradle Roll Day.

B. S. U. Spring Retreat.

W. M. U.—G. A. Focus Week, May 7-12.

B. T. U.—Christian Home Week (literature available); Associational Elimination Contests preparatory for District Convention. State workers enlisting churches for summer program. Associational Officers' and Leaders' Conference.

Mother's Day Offering for Orphanage.

Dr. O. P. Moore, pastor at Moorhead was the evangelist in a recent meeting of Calvary church, Greenwood, Dr. R. A. Tullos pastor. More than 100 rededicated themselves to Christian service. Twenty-one were added to the church, most of whom were adults. More than 100 have been added to the church membership in the nine months pastorate of Dr. Tullos. Dr. Moore writes that the pastor is greatly loved by his people.

Van Winkle Baptists recently enjoyed a most gracious week of spiritual refreshment under the leadership and preaching of Dr. H. C. Bass, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bessemer, Alabama. Dr. Bass is a powerful, plain preacher of the gospel. Our church was greatly blessed. The Lord gave us 17 additions, 10 by letter, and seven by baptism. Others have come since the meeting closed as fruit of the seed sown during the revival. We are grateful to God for sending us this servant of His to us.—R. S. Crawford.

convictions to "those whose influence will definitely count in fashioning the post-war world order."

Warning his listeners against increasing threats to a just peace, as exemplified in the resurgence of power politics throughout the world, Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk of the Federal Council of Churches called upon the churches of this country to shake off their "political paralysis" and to arouse their constituents to the fact that the "Christian gospel is a global gospel—and if it's not that it's nothing at all."

"The Baptist World Crusade," he declared, "comes at a period when no amount of 'Pollyanna' thinking or resolving will suffice. The Christian community of America can, if it will, develop sufficient influence to force the government to make foreign commitments in line with Christian principles."

Commenting on charges that in its attempt to influence legislators the church is "playing politics," Dr. Van Kirk pointed out that some who make such claims "have for years been button-holing congressmen on the liquor question."

MY JOURNEY

Below is a poem written by a former Waynesboro boy, L. E. Holly, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Holly, Sr., telling of his journey since leaving the States. Pvt. Holley is serving his country somewhere in Italy with the Fifth Army. He has seen action since leaving the States last June; being with the forces during the invasion of Sicily, continuing on into Italy through the landing at Salerno.

Pvt. Holley has an infant son of whom he has never made acquaintance. Mrs. Holley and son are residing with her parents until Pvt. Holley's return.

My Journey

It happened on a June day,
A clear sky and fresh salty air,
A blast of the whistle and we were away
To parts unknown to us, over there.

The ocean was calm for the most part,
But occasionally swift winds would abound;
We all felt safe at heart,
Yet "foul play" was around.

For sixteen days we traveled a journey
Over foam and water so blue;
Each one hoping in his heart sternly,
Our voyage would be a happy one and true.

On that first morning land was sighted afar,
Everyone contented, happy and at ease,
For it was the Rock of Gibraltar,
And we felt that nearer to peace.

Now we've passed the "Rock Beautiful,"
And our journey is not at end,
We pass the shores of Spain and Portugal,
And when our destiny, where and when.

Still having not lost a man,
Our hearts beat with joy and rapture,
For the port we were entering was Oran,
In that dark continent of Africa.

'Twas here we tarried and trained
physically
Getting ready for that momentous day
As that day was not far away.

A tremor shook the gloom,
A flame tore away,
For we landed in Sicily
On that eventful day.

'Twas not our idea to crucify,
But teach in gentlemanly ways;
Italians, Germans and people of Sicily
Of course just took thirty-eight days.

Now that we have invaded and stand in Italy,
We are still brave and strong;
And pray constantly and willingly,
We shall not err; nor do anyone a wrong.

History these records will record,
All discord and nobleness up to this day;
We pray that God shall give us a reward,
And let the world never again be this way.

We pray to God, it shall be His will,
The day of complete victory, yet to us unknown;
Will soon come to light, and He shall fulfill,
And journey us back to the dear U. S. A. and HOME.

Twenty-nine new members have been added to First church, Corinth, during the last four Sundays. There were 22 by letter; three by statement and four for baptism.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. Lavon Boyles, Laurel, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Traylor
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson

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Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.
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Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centerville.

Report of Executive Secretary to State Convention, April 4-6, 1944

A number of things connected with our Woman's Missionary Union task today have a tendency to cause us to look backward and take note of various milestones along the way, and to look forward into the future with greater determination and courage to go forth and conquer the world for Christ. Our watchword for year "That the generation to come might know" was chosen from a Psalm that recapitulated the important events in the history of His chosen people showing how God dealt with them in their neglect and disobedience—Our theme for circle programs, "Our Unchanged Task in a Changing World"—sends us back to the scene where Jesus said, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world," and reminds us that a few weeks later He commanded: "Go ye and make disciples of all nations."

Next year Southern Baptists will celebrate their one hundredth anniversary. We gaze backward and recall the many victories we have won but we also look at our failures. Twenty-five years ago we were shouting victory because the armistice had been signed giving the Allies the opportunity to write the terms of peace. Today pestilence that walks in darkness and destruction that wasteth at noonday, overshadows us all and leads us to evaluate the words of Jesus: "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." God still rules and reigns and we still have the impelling challenge of our "Unchanged Task."

Shall we use the record of our W. M. U. twenty-five years ago as a measuring rod to make some comparisons.

Enlistment has always been a fundamental of the work of our Woman's Missionary Union and we are constantly faced with that great task. Twenty-five years ago we had a total of 813 organizations, this year we have a total of 1909. Wait a moment before you rejoice too much—at that time there were 672 W. M. Ss, and 11 young people's organizations, now there are 631 W. M. Ss and 1278 auxiliaries. Indeed we do rejoice because of the greater number of young people enlisted but how can we account for the loss in W. M. S?

Realizing that gifts to missions are tests of our interest in and love for His Kingdom, we are happy to show great progress in stewardship. A quarter of a century ago our total gifts to missions for that year were \$24,243.05—this year we registered \$237,430.65. That year we gave \$4,312.50 to the Christmas offering—this year \$36,442.49. To Home Mission Season of Prayer offering our record shows \$3,236.75 and the record for this cause in 1943 was \$21,850.22. Surely these gifts register a response to the stewardship plans of Woman's Missionary Union.

Our full-graded A-1 Unions show a decrease over last year. We believe the reason for this is the constant changing of our leaders which is due to the effects of war. The ones reaching this high goal are as fol-

lows: Boyle, Charleston, Gulfport First, Indianola, Jackson First, Laurel First, Longview, Oxford, Stonewall and Tupelo First.

Many appeals have been made to us as citizens within the last few months to be faithful in buying war bonds, but these appeals have not kept us from "rendering unto God that which is God's." We have had 10,857 tithers among the women and young people. There are only 20 churches claiming the record of having every resident woman member contributing to missions. They are as follows:

Antioch, Copiah county; Artesia; Fellowship, Jasper county; Glenfield, Union county; Harrisburg, Tupelo; Heuck's Retreat, Lincoln county; Johnston Station, Ludlow; Liberty Hill, Panola county; McAdams; McCool; Merigold; Mt. Horeb, Covington county; New Harmony, Neshoba county; Neshoba; Oil City, Yazoo county; Pine Grove, Pearl River county; Salem, Covington county; Steen's Creek, Rankin county; Tuscola, Leake county; Union, Pearl River county.

This is a much smaller number than last year but we believe this is because we have checked more carefully and understood the plan more perfectly.

The programs in Royal Service have been more largely used as is shown by our list of subscriptions the past year of 6,931. It is our hope that more and more our Woman's Missionary Union constituency will grow more missionary minded because of the study of our denominational missionary magazines. Why have we had to report the loss of many societies in recent months! Isn't it because we are not well grounded in the purpose and plans of our organization? We recommend the study of "Woman's Missionary Union at Work" which will give you many fresh and invigorating methods to incorporate in your plans.

Last year we presented to you our plans for gathering funds for the W. M. U. camp for our young people. We set a goal of \$15,000 to be given to our regular State Mission work through our Margaret Lackey Season of Prayer and all over that amount was to be put into our camp building fund. You will rejoice when I report \$9,648.97 for this project. Please accept the gratitude of our hearts for this marvelous response.

We come face to face with our "unchanged task in a changing world" when we consider the changing attitude regarding our racial relationship. Racial prejudice is growing more evident every day and the only remedy is the leaven of Christianity. Our Southern Union fostered a Negro Institute at Jackson College last August. We had 40 different communities, 25 counties, 51 churches represented by 58 registered delegates in a three-day conference. Friendships are being formed and confidence in our motive has been established in these meetings. The Father's blessings have been upon this effort, and He is leading us very def-

initely into a deeper and abiding interest.

Our Training School expense scholarship and State scholarships have been faithfully and adequately provided through the W. M. U. specials. We have not had a deficit in a number of years. The former Training School students have repaid \$162.50 on loans through the year.

Since long distance travel has been greatly reduced we have planned for our institutes for the study of the Year Book to be held by associations. Last January such institutes were held in every county except two, with a state or southwide representative meeting with each group. We are grateful to record 2591 women present from 392 churches in 65 associations. We are so grateful to Miss Mary Christian, Birmingham, and Miss Wilma Bucy, Atlanta, for their valuable contribution to the work in both time and effort.

A backward look leads us to say as Joshua of old, "O Lord God, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might." A forward look shows us the land that remaineth yet to be possessed. May no task seem too hard, no vision too lofty, as we make our plans to make known His deeds to a broken world.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE TRAYLOR.

BR—
LEXINGTON CHURCH HAS
BEST REVIVAL

Pastor Homer Roberson of Lexington writes enthusiastically regarding the recent revival led by Charles McKay and his assistant Roy Self from Temple Baptist Church in Ruston, La., stating that many people say it was the greatest revival in the history of their church. We quote: "The church was unable to seat all who came at night, and people stood at the services. At the morning services the house was full, with the business men closing their establishments to attend. The pre-service prayer meetings were characterized by such earnest praying as is seldom heard, and attended by many not ordinarily taking part. Personal witnessing was done by men of the church on the streets during the day. We truly feel the church has been transformed. There were 37 received into the church, 22 of them being by profession of faith, many of these adults, some grandparents. Several hundred rededicated their allegiance to the kingdom. These visiting leaders made an excellent team and our hearts were stirred in every service."

BR—
Miss Bess Schilling, head of the bookkeeping department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, took out a \$100 certificate at the launching of the Now Club to retire state debts. She paid that out, then, to quote her words: "I was so happy over having a share in the work, and there seemed to be such progress

made, that I took out a second \$100 certificate, and have paid that out." At the special June offering she will make a love gift besides the two certificates. Miss Schilling has a good record in the old debt-paying plans, before the Now Club, having consistently labored to help free the work of debt. She is the sole support of an invalid mother, and carries other financial responsibilities. (Editor's Note: The challenging record as recounted above will be pleasing to Mississippi Baptists when they see how the employees at state headquarters faithfully share in every part of the work.)

BR—
HILBUN-WRIGHT

Miss Helen Gaines Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright of Chickasaw, Ala., and Billy S. Hilbun, private in the U. S. Army, son of Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Hilbun, were married at the First Baptist Church in Ellisville. The church had been tastefully decorated with white and green. Mrs. J. M. Arnold rendered nuptial music, and Miss Joan Hilbun, cousin of the groom, was soloist. Miss Paula Clyde Wright, of Mobile, attended the bride, while Pfc. Elton Thomas of New Orleans, was the best man. The double ring ceremony was read by Rev. Bruce Hilbun, the groom's father. Immediately following the wedding, a reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ward. Mrs. Lela Buckley, Mrs. C. S. Williams and Mrs. Jeff Walters assisted in entertaining. The young couple enjoyed a trip to the coast, after which the groom returned to Missouri to his training and the bride resumed her duties on the Leakesville school faculty.

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EARL GEORGE

Oil City, Yazoo County, is
Number 724

When Earl George recently returned from Louisiana and accepted the pastorate at Oil City he told us that one of the first things he was going to do was to get the EVERY FAMILY Plan as a part of his program. Yesterday he came by and brought the list. Many other pastors having promised to do likewise are urged to "perform the doing of it."

Oil City church now has more than 80 members, more than 100 enrolled in Sunday school and almost 100 in the Training Union. Last year contributions were approximately \$3,500 and the 1944 budget totals the same amount. Eight hundred dollars is to be used for missionary causes.

Concerning the EVERY FAMILY Plan the pastor wrote: "I feel that the EVERY FAMILY Plan is going to mean much to our church and will help to make our church members more conscious of their duties to their God and to their church."

Record readers in Yazoo county are now listed as follows: ANDING 23; BENTONIA 47; BETHLEHEM 44; BLACK JACK 65; CONCORD 28; EDEN 28; HEBRON 42; LIVERPOOL 18; Melrose 4; OAK GROVE 19; OGDEN 33; OIL CITY 35; PROVIDENCE 17; Rocky Springs 9; SATARTIA 12; YAZOO CITY 207.

Parkway, Jackson

In the absence of Dr. W. A. Bell, pastor of Parkway church, Jackson, we had the privilege of supplying for him last Sunday. Parkway lives up to its motto of the friendly church. The auditorium was full of people.

Sunday School Superintendent Earl Clark and his workers are trying to average 500 per Sunday. They have almost reached the goal.

Hinds county now has Record readers as follows: BETHESDA 48; BOLTON 23; Byram 1; CALVARY 845; CHAPEL HILL 33; CLINTON 145; DANIEL 24; DAVIS MEMORIAL 97; Edwards 3; GRIFFITH MEMORIAL 325; JACKSON FIRST 462; LEARNED 13; NORTH SIDE JACKSON 105; PALESTINE 11; PARKWAY 178; POCAHONTAS 22; RAYMOND 62;



F. E. RUNYAN

BARTON CHURCH SENDS LIST OF 58

Becomes Number 718 On E. F. List
A welcome addition to the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches is Barton church, George county. Rev. F. E. Runyan is the pastor.

More and more churches, without any help from the circulation manager, are adopting the EVERY FAMILY Plan. This is a healthy sign.

Barton church is one of our better country churches and is surrounded by some of Mississippi's finest citizens as well as Baptists.

George county now has Record readers as follows: BARTON 49; AGRICOLA 94; LUCEDALE 67; ROCKY CREEK 39; SHADY GROVE 19.

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Overseas Soldier Appreciates Record

Sgt. Stuart S. Ward, 34340800
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Postmaster, New York, N. Y.
31 March 1944

Many thanks for the February 17 issue of The Baptist Record which came yesterday. Have read every page of it and enjoyed it to the utmost. This is the first issue I have received and I hope subsequent issues will come regularly.

I have been looking forward to receiving the Record since I noticed in the bulletin of the First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, of a few weeks ago that it was being sent to the men in the service.

With every best wish, I am
Faithfully yours,

STUART S. WARD.

Editor's Note: The First church of Vicksburg sends the Record to more than 100 of its members who are in the armed service.

Mr. Louie D. Newton and his committee have their hands full with arrangements for the entertainment of the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Atlanta from May 16th to 18th. More than a thousand requests have come for places to stay and all the hotels are filled to capacity. If you have written for a room and have not had a reply, be patient. The committee will do its best to find rooms for all in private homes and lodging houses.

SOUTH SIDE JACKSON 53; UTICA 67; NEW HAVEN 22; MT. MORGAN 16; VAN WINKLE 103; TERRY 54 and SALEM 30.

IS HORSE RACING MORE IMPORTANT?

Regarding the Office of Defense Transportation's letter suggesting the cancellation of the Southern Baptist Convention, one man writes as follows:

"Hight Moore's letter to the director of ODT relative to cancelling the Southern Baptist Convention is indeed to the point. The ODT seems to be obeisant in worldly things, and intentionally or ignorantly blind to spiritual needs of the country.

"I noticed an Associated Press article yesterday stating that 1200 race horses down in Florida, like their owners, were neighing and hungering for an exodus northward to the Illinois, Maryland, Kentucky and Michigan tracks, and that while the railroads in the immediate environs were only able to handle about six carloads a day of these four-legged animals, that prospects were that all would be moved out by April 18th. Likewise, the exodus from Hot Springs and other tracks is in like proportion. From the Florida track alone, 1200 horses means an average of about three men to the horse—attendants, grooms, stable boys, jockeys, owners and their families and followers.

"The chatter is also that Kentucky Derby day at Louisville bids fair to attract huge crowds. The ODT permits all this, and should be shown that Southern Baptists' causes and necessarily assemblies are doing a thousand times more toward the war effort than all the race horses and their owners and followers in the whole of America. Our boys are offering their lives and sacrificing their

DREW REVIVAL IS OUTSTANDING

The meeting at Drew in which it was my privilege to preach was one of the most unusual experiences I have ever had. For the first time in my ministry I witnessed larger crowds at the morning services. This could be done in every town if school authorities would back up the efforts as did the school authorities in Drew. The superintendent, Floyd Barnes, gave liberty to every student who wanted to attend morning service. At evening prayer meeting all the men teachers of the school were present. Why couldn't this be done in many of our towns where revivals are held? It would be a lasting contribution. I am more convinced than ever that Christian teachers are needed in our schools and I should like to offer hearty congratulations to school superintendents and authorities who are not afraid to give the children a chance to hear the gospel. It certainly would do more for character than to have schools sponsor dances and other social functions that have a question attached to them. There were good evening crowds and many additions. It was a real pleasure to work with Pastor W. S. Hardin. He did everything he could to help this preacher do his best. May God continue to bless that fine pastor and his people.—Claud B. Bowen.

youthful home pleasures that America might live, and in order to achieve victory we need assemblies at home to help provide them a safe haven to return to.—C. S. Lumbley.

GOD SO LOVED THAT HE GAVE

Love ever gives, forgives—outlives,
And ever stands with open hands,
And while it lives, it gives;
For this is love's prerogative;
To give—and give—and give.

ohn Oxenham

Most of Mississippi's Baptist Churches expect to give the amount requested of them for the Blue Mountain College endowment fund.

May 7 is the beginning of Christian Home Week.

Blue Mountain's first objective is to train women for Christian home making.

It would be a cause for rejoicing if most of the churches having services next Sunday would make real efforts to get the amounts asked from them.

We know Mississippi Baptists love Blue Mountain College.

FRANK L. FAIR, General Chairman

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE ENDOWMENT
FUND CAMPAIGN

GOD DID IT!

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had made the same mistake that Napoleon made, they ignored God. No nation has ever ignored God and won the final victory. God allows them to win battles but not wars. They conquer in campaigns but are conquered and set aside by God's ultimate purpose. It is the purpose of God to give Christian democracy a chance in the world. The world can never have it under the dominance of the German spirit. Therefore, the Germans cannot win, regardless of how they may prepare.

II. God Won World War I

I say this deliberately. It was not the military genius, resources, and courage of the Allies that brought victory. Six times, God intervened in World War I in a way that was decisive. But for His intervention the Allies would have lost. God does not use the weapons that men use. His weapons are more effective. When the Germans ran up the white flag in November, 1918, it was not because we had beaten them to their knees by the resistance we gave them, but it was because God had said, "They shall not win." God did it!

On September 6, 1914, the victorious German army was in sight of Paris. They had advanced there in exactly five weeks. The Kaiser, from his headquarters, through his binoculars, could see the Eiffel Tower. The resistance of the French seemed to have been as broken as it was in June, 1940. They were fleeing in panic before the sweep of the German tide.

Suddenly, the Germans halted their advance. For 47 hours not a shot was fired. Their troops were tired but not exhausted. They were encountering only comparatively weak resistance. They were cockily confident that their triumph was certain. They stopped to refresh themselves. They had captured much wine and champagne. They took time out to clean up, dress up, and mass their forces for their triumphal entry into Paris.

General Gallieny, the military commandant of the Paris area, quickly sensed what had happened. He rushed supplies and new forces by every possible means, including taxicabs and carts, to the front. The fleeing French had halted, re-formed and made ready for the next move of the Germans. When the Huns were ready to resume their proud march into Paris, they encountered a counter-attack from the French that was so ferocious that they were thrown off balance and hurled back across the Marne. That was the nearest the Germans ever got to Paris with their army until June, 1940, 26 years later.

Why did they stop? Three of the top German commanders who were in charge of the army that approached so near to Paris, Generals Von Kluck, Von Bulow, and Von Hausman, each, in their explanation of the matter after the armistice, said that they simply did not know why they were stopped. They felt that the victory was won and the French were routed, and they stopped to rest and refresh their troops. The thing that really happened was that God confused them. He confused the Kaiser and his commanders just as He confused Rab-Shakeh and Sennacherib in the days of King Hezekiah and Isaiah, as is recorded

in 2nd Kings, the 19th chapter. He confused them as He confused the vain Napoleon and led him to his doom by his foolish venture into Russia in 1812. True is the old proverb: "They whom God would destroy, He first makes mad." God stopped the Germans at the gate of Paris in 1914. But for His intervention to confuse the Germans, France would have been out of the war before December of that year.

One hundred and sixteen times the Bible tells us of God's use of the wind, His wind. We know that by it, He destroyed the Spanish Armada in 1588. We know that if Columbus had followed the course he planned, he would have landed somewhere between Boston and Savannah on our Atlantic coast, on his first voyage of discovery. If he had done so, North America would have been Latin America just as is Mexico and South America. It was not in God's purpose for that to happen. When he got out to sea, Columbus listened to the advice of his associates, and they followed the general direction by which the winds gave them the most help.

I have been where this incident occurred. I read about it when it happened and for days afterward. And, there on the ground in 1923, the story was told me again by those who were there when it occurred. At Ypres, Belgium, at 4:00 p. m., April 15, 1915, the Germans, for the first time, used poison gas. They expected with it to breach the British lines, to break through to the channel ports, to separate the British from the French armies, and to turn on the flank of each and destroy them.

The Germans are very thorough in what they do. They had studied their meteorological records back over a period of thirty-nine years. Dr. Schmaus, their great authority, told them they could count on the wind blowing from the southeast towards the northwest steadily for 36 hours, from the zero hour planned for the attack. That is, the wind would be blowing on the backs of the Germans and into the faces of the English. They let the gas loose. The wind did blow it into the faces of the English. They were crippled and killed by the hundreds. They had no defense against it. They were caught completely by surprise. After a few minutes the wind suddenly reversed itself. It blew the gas back into the faces of the Germans and continued to blow that way until the gas had been dissipated. Many more Germans were maimed than were English. The remarkable thing about it is not only that the wind changed, but that the only area where it did change was approximately that where the gas was turned loose. Otherwise, the wind blew as it was supposed to blow. God did it!

One of the weapons of God is rain. One hundred and two times the Bible tells us of God's use of the rain, His rain.

As we entered the war in the spring of 1917, the Central Powers wanted to destroy Italy and France before our help could prevent them. They decided upon advancing into Italy through the Brenner Pass. Their plans worked splendidly. The Italians ran as well then as they have in World War II. The Germans were pursuing them with light advance units. I believe there were four divisions that had crossed the Piave river, 6½ miles above Venice just be-

fore the Piave empties into the Adriatic. The Piave is a raging torrent during the rainy season, but in Italy it rains very little or not at all from the first of May until the first of October. Then, the Piave is just a slow, indolent, small stream. In July, 1917, while the Germans were throwing their heavier supporting divisions across the Piave as they were following their lighter advanced units, suddenly, out of what was practically a cloudless sky, there came what is known as a flash flood, cloudburst. And it kept on raining. The Piave became a small Niagara. Many Germans and much of their material were swept into the sea. The lighter advanced units were cut off from their support. They were filled with panic. The Italians caught on to what had happened and turned on them and captured thousands of them. The Germans were not able to advance any further. They had planned to sweep through Italy, enter France at the South, and swing back up through France, and thus dispose of Italy and France before the strength of America might be felt. General Foch, the supreme Allied commander, telegraphed his congratulations for the great victory to General Diaz, the Italian commander. General Diaz, discerningly, answered with the Latin exclamation, "Deus fecit!" which, being translated, is "God did it!"

When the Germans saw that they had a long war on their hands, they were much concerned for adequate food. They planned, in 1917, to produce the greatest crop of potatoes by far than they had ever grown. They thought they had perfected their agronomy until they were able to defend their crop against any known disease. In the early summer of that year, they had the best prospects for a harvest they had ever seen. They felt certain they would have enough potatoes to keep their people from being hungry. When their potatoes were in bloom, they were suddenly attacked by a wilt that was totally unknown to the science of agronomy. What had promised to be a bumper crop turned into only a fraction of a normal harvest. General Ludendorff, in his memoirs, attributed the breakdown of German morale that created the internal pressure that brought on the Armistice, to the failure of the potato crop in 1917. God did it!

God uses the sea to serve His purposes. On November 17, 1917, the German submarine menace was at its worst. The subs were sinking our ships at an alarming rate. They were rapidly making it impossible for us to transport sufficient supplies to sustain our Allies and to take care of the forces we were sending abroad. Our navies were heroically doing their best to halt the destruction. Their best was not enough. Then the hour seemed darkest, an exceptionally severe storm began in the area where they operated and covered all the distance back to their bases. Storms are frequent in that area at that time of the year. But that was an unusual storm. Not only was it unusual in its severity, but in its duration. It lasted for three weeks. The German submarines of that day could not remain so long away from their bases as they can today. The storm was so severe that they were not only not able to operate with success but they could not get back to their bases without being broken to pieces in the

What Causes Epilepsy?

A booklet containing the opinions of famous doctors on this interesting subject will be sent **FREE**, while they last, to any reader writing to Educational Division, 535 Fifth Avenue, Dept. JL 4, New York, N. Y.

narrow channels they had to navigate. The storm destroyed or caused to surrender enough submarines to break the back of the German underwater assault. God did it!

Not infrequently the Lord uses clouds to hinder those whom He would hinder. One hundred and fifty-two times, the Bible tells us of God's dealings with the clouds, His clouds.

In the summer and early fall of 1918, the Germans had air superiority over the Allies in France. It looked like they were going to shoot us out of the skies, when, suddenly, our harried fliers would find themselves outnumbered in unequal combat, and from nowhere, there seemed to come a cloud in which they could hide and escape.

I read about it in the papers then. When I began to prepare this message, I remembered it. I hesitated, however, to use this incident because I had the feeling that people had forgotten it and they would think it was just a tale. But I was so certain in my own mind of it that I decided to go ahead and put it in. The second time that I delivered this message, it was heard by Colonel Wright, the commander of Key Field Air Base. He came to me after I had finished and he said, "You are right about those clouds coming from nowhere. I was there as a flier then. More than once, the Germans had me, when, suddenly, there was a cloud where a few moments before there had not been one, and I escaped." A few months later, I gave this message in Memphis, Tenn., and after the service another man came and said, "Preacher, I know about those clouds in France in 1918. I was a flier in World War I. They saved my life more than once." Last July I gave this message in New Hebron, Miss. The next day a mail carrier saw me and said, "Preacher, those clouds in France saved my life four or five times in 1918. I was a flier there. The Germans would have me so that there was no chance to get away, and then the Lord wrapped me up in a cloud, and I got out." God did it!

III. Yes, God won World War I.

If it had not been for His interventions, the Germans, not we, would have been the victors.

But, alas, we defeated God's purpose by our failure after the Armistice. Our failure brought on this war. We will see more of that in the last message.

One thing we need well to remember. God won World War I, and He will decide who shall be the victor in World War II. When peace comes and Germany and Japan are vanquished, it will be God who will have done it. Except for His intervening help, our enemies would have conquered us. Every American and Englishman and Frenchman should think of the victory which came to us on November 11, 1918 as one which the help of God brought.

(To be Continued Next Week)

"THE FINAL FLOOD OF VICTORY"

As of April 24 more than 100 pastors and churches have signified their intention of participating in the great "Debt-Paying" offering during the month of JUNE. That leaves more than 600 pastors to be heard from, and over 1400 churches to be heard from.

You will see from the list below some of our strongest churches are

included, as well as some of the smaller-in-membership churches.

Let us reiterate that EVERY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH is great in the sight of Christ. How thankful we are that these Soldiers of the Cross are leading the way.

We shall add to this list as we get replies from other pastors and churches.

LET THE VICTORY FLOODTIDE FLOW IN!

ASSOCIATION	NAME OF CHURCH	NAME OF PASTOR	ASSOCIATION	NAME OF CHURCH	NAME OF PASTOR
ALCORN	Holly	Rev. R. L. Ray, Jr.	LEFLORE	Morgan City	Rev. C. J. Olander
	Shiloh	Rev. S. C. Wilbanks		Itta Bena	Rev. W. R. Storie
BENTON	Hickory Flat	Rev. Jas. B. Parker	LINCOLN	Mission Hill	Rev. J. B. Hemphill
CALHOUN	Oak Grove	Rev. Henry J. Bennett		Fair River	Rev. D. O. Horne
	Victory	Rev. Henry J. Bennett	MADISON	Canton	Rev. C. Z. Holland
CLARKE	Shubuta	Rev. N. A. Edmonds	MARION	Improve	Rev. O. O. Davis
	Hepzabah	Rev. N. A. Edmonds	MARSHALL	Holly Springs	Rev. Edward L. Byrd
	Quitman	Rev. W. L. Meadows		Potts Camp	Rev. James V. Parker
COPIAH	Georgetown	Rev. C. Earl Cooper	MISSISSIPPI	Liberty	Rev. C. M. Day
	Damascus	Rev. W. P. Sandifer		Zion Hill	Rev. C. M. Day
	Smyrna	Rev. W. P. Sandifer		New Zion	Rev. C. M. Day
	Crystal Springs	Rev. Joe T. Odle	MONROE	Aberdeen, First	Rev. C. W. Thompson
	County Line	Rev. L. C. Hoff	NEWTON	New Ireland	Rev. J. L. Boyd
	Pilgrim's Rest	Rev. L. C. Hoff		Rock Branch	Rev. J. L. Boyd
CHICKASAW	Okolona	Rev. Geo. H. Gay		Clarke-Venable	Rev. W. A. Hogan
	Union Chapel	Rev. Geo. H. Gay	NOXUBEE	Macon, First	Rev. R. D. Pearson
COLUMBUS	Columbus, First	Rev. J. D. Franks	OKTIBBEHA	Bethesda	Rev. Harold Douglas
	Columbus, Calvary	Rev. L. B. Wages		Maben	Rev. D. M. Metts
	Mayhew	Rev. R. L. Ray, Jr.		Adaton	Rev. R. L. Ray, Jr.
DEER CREEK	Belzoni	Rev. C. A. Molpus	PIKE	Silver Creek	Rev. J. E. McCraw
	Darlove	Rev. R. A. Langley		Progress	Rev. J. E. McCraw
	Hollandale	Rev. J. B. Smith		Magnolia	Rev. B. Frank Smith
GEORGE	Lucedale	Rev. G. S. Jenkins	PONTOTOC	Toccopola	Rev. R. L. Ray, Jr.
GREENE	Washington	Rev. C. S. Moulder	PRENTISS	Booneville	Rev. J. D. Thompson
	State Line	Rev. John I. Hill		Thrasher	Rev. J. D. Thompson
GRENADA	Grenada	Rev. Glen Eric Wiley	RANKIN	Pisgah	Rev. C. Z. Holland
GULF COAST	Biloxi, First	Rev. E. S. Flynt	RIVERSIDE	Lyon	Rev. A. E. Mason
	Biloxi, Second	Rev. G. C. Hodge	SCOTT	Forest	Rev. W. L. Holcomb
	Handsboro	Rev. W. T. Miller	SIMPSON	Bethlehem	Rev. B. E. Phillips
HINDS-WARREN	Daniel	Rev. C. S. Thomas		Pleasant Hill	Rev. B. E. Phillips
	Raymond	Rev. R. L. Wallace		Magee	Rev. G. O. Parker
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	New Prospect	Rev. J. L. Courson	UNION	Port Gibson	Rev. Paul D. Boothe
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	Crooked Creek	Rev. B. E. Phillips	WAYNE	Evergreen	Rev. R. G. Joiner
	Monticello	Rev. D. O. Horne		Clear Creek	Rev. R. G. Joiner
	Carmel	Rev. D. O. Horne		Liberty	Rev. R. G. Joiner
LEAKE	Carthage	Rev. H. W. Shirley	YAZOO	Concord	Rev. Robert I. Martin
	Friendship-Lena	Rev. A. A. Ward		Melrose	Rev. Robert I. Martin
	Tuscola	Rev. A. A. Ward		Black Jack	Rev. A. A. Kitchings
	Midway	Rev. A. A. Ward		Benton	Rev. R. A. Eddleman
	Cedar Grove	Rev. A. A. Ward	ZION	Mathiston	Rev. D. M. Metts
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	Calvary	Rev. C. S. Moulder		Double Springs	Rev. J. V. Wilson
	Petal-Harvey	Rev. A. C. Parker		Spring Creek	Rev. J. V. Wilson

Many of these churches are requesting NOW CLUB ENVELOPES for this offering. We will be happy to supply them to all churches, provided the order comes in by MAY 15th.

Let us as a people of Christ get the habit of completing tasks begun.
Luke 14:25-35.

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

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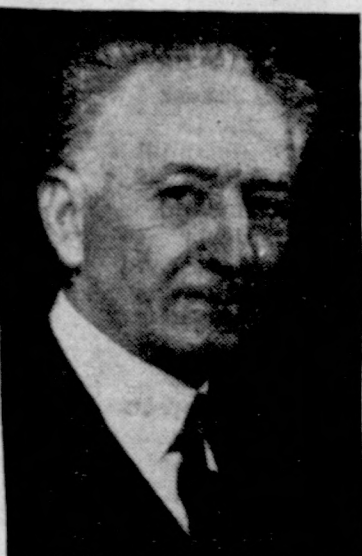
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DR. T. L. HOLCOMB AT PONTOTOC

It is going to be the pleasure and profit of all the pastors, who attend the conference for pastors May 1st at Pontotoc, to hear Dr. T. L. Holcomb. Dr. Holcomb is the Executive Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. He is a Mississippian of whom we are justly proud, as his position is as important as any held in the convention. Under his leadership our Training Union work has made rapid strides, taking its place as a denominational enterprise and kingdom factor. We welcome him to the state for this conference and covet for every pastor in that area of a hundred miles the privilege of hearing him. He speaks in the morning on "The Bible and the Church." In the afternoon he will bring a message using as his subject "Victory Through Christ." While in the state Dr. Holcomb will preach Sunday morning, April 30 at Pontotoc, having pastored this good church nearly thirty years ago. He will preach Sunday night at First church Tupelo where his brother, H. R. Holcomb is pastor. We regret that we cannot have Dr. Holcomb for all five conferences, but pressing duties prohibit his thus service.



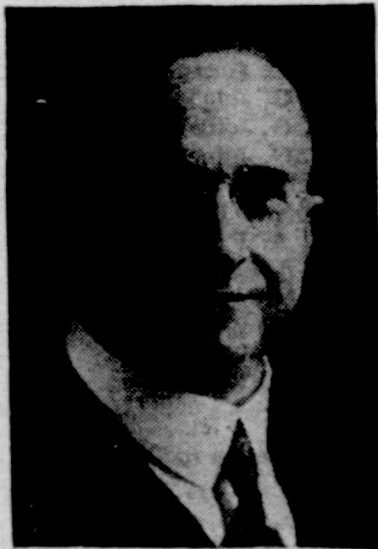
PROGRAM FOR PASTORS CONFERENCES, MAY 1-5

- A. M.**
10:00—Devotional, including songs, Scripture reading, prayer.
10:15—Get acquainted. Informal instructions.
10:30—Purpose of the Meeting—Auber J. Wilds or E. C. Williams.
10:45—The Bible and the Church—T. L. Holcomb or D. A. McCall.
11:15—The Graded Sunday School for Every Church—J. N. Barnette.
11:50—Open Discussion—Led by E. C. Williams.
P. M.
12:15—Lunch served at the church.
1:00—Devotional, including songs, Scripture reading, prayer.
1:15—The Graded Training Union for Every Church—Clay I. Hudson.
1:50—Open Discussion—Led by Auber J. Wilds.
2:15—The Pastor as Teacher and Leader—J. N. Barnette.
2:45—Recess for relaxation.
3:00—The Vacation Bible School—E. C. Williams.
3:45—The Challenge and Opportunity of the Associational Organization—Clay I. Hudson.
4:15—Victory Through Christ—T. L. Holcomb or D. A. McCall.

We will not have an evening session as previously announced, thus making it possible for every one to return home before night. The motion pictures will be the only part of the program omitted. You will see these another time.

DR. CLAY I. HUDSON WILL SERVE IN ALL FIVE CONFERENCES

Many in Mississippi already know and love Dr. Clay I. Hudson. He is the Southwide Baptist Training Union Adult leader, ing these five conferences for pastors, Dr. Hudson will be in each of the five conferences for pastors, and will help us with our adult problems. Immediately following these five conferences for pastors, Dr. Hudson and your State Training Union secretary will hold four special conferences for adults. These will be associational wide and will be in Jackson, Sunday afternoon, May 7th; McComb, Monday evening, May 8th; Hattiesburg, Tuesday evening, May 9th; Meridian, Wednesday evening, May 10th. All adults, including pastors and other leaders, are urged to attend one of these meetings.



During the month of March we issued 1,268 Training Union study course awards in Mississippi. The list for April will no doubt be larger because so many study courses held in March were not reported until April. March each year yields more study courses than any other month. Other months are coming in for their share though since so many of our churches are having SEVERAL study courses a year.

FIDELITY

She: "Darling, will you love me when my hair turns grey?"
He: "I guess so, I've stood it through black, red, and yellow."

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A personal conference can usually be arranged when desired.

Startling Figures

Mississippi Baptists have written some startling figures into the record of debt-paying. In addition to giving support to the regular work, and helping pay all Southwide debts, the state bonded debts have been happily reduced. Consider these facts—

Year	Amount of bonds outstanding
1939	\$542,400
(Now Club starts)	
1940	529,900
1941	517,400
1942	294,500
Plus \$75,000 notes at banks	
1943 (May)	284,000
Notes at banks paid off	
1943 (last half)	156,500
Plus notes at banks	
1944 (April 1st)	52,500
Plus deficit on our books in this account in the amount of	82,214.38
Total outstanding principal in bond account	134,714.38

This is a considerable sum. It will take our best efforts to pay it off entirely this year. We can do it! We have brought it down from \$542,400 in 1939 to \$134,714.38 in 1944.

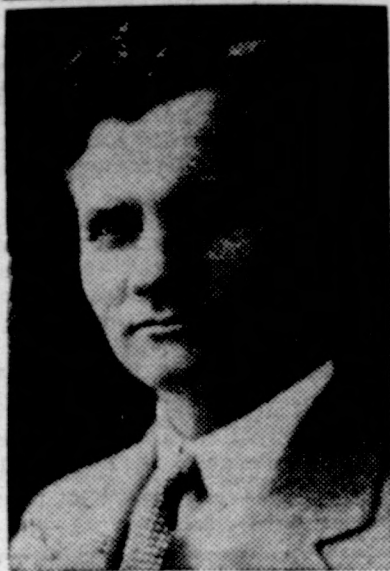
In addition we have a \$25,000 note at the bank. Let us get these matters behind us and plan worthily for the future.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST EDUCATION COMMISSION
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J. N. BARNETTE

Mr. J. N. Barnette, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be with us for each of the five pastors' conferences at Pontotoc, Ackerman, Laurel, Brookhaven and Indianola, May 1-5.

Mr. Barnette is one of our finest workers and will speak twice at each of these conferences. It will be well worth the trip to hear him, to say nothing of other fine leaders that will be on the program also.

Please Note!

A slight change has been made in the program for each of these five conferences which we think will be most satisfactory for all the pastors.

There will be no night session. Instead, the program will close about 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon, thus enabling the pastors to return home before night. We feel that this will be a distinct advantage to all who attend.

We Want You

Brother Pastor, we surely do want you to attend one of these conferences. The emphasis will be strictly on the work of the Sunday school, Training Union and Vacation Bible school. The whole program is for the express purpose of trying to make these three items of our work the best this year that we have ever had. Surely, these five days when we can meet face to face with our pastors for discussion and planning should be worth much to the success of this work.

We are so eager for EVERY pastor in Mississippi to attend a conference. We are paying 2c per mile each way for each car coming. The host churches will furnish the noon meals. Remember, we are counting on you!

—BR—

In a recent issue of the Record it was stated that Paul Runyon had been called from his mission work in Jones county to the pastorate at Barton, in Greene county. It was Farrell E. Runyan, and not Paul.



DR. A. McCALL

Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary of our State Mission Board, will also attend each of the five pastors' conferences, May 1-5, and will speak in the interest of the Sunday school, Training Union and Vacation Bible school.

As a pastor Dr. McCall actively and vigorously promoted in his churches these three vital phases of the work. He will not only speak from the angle of secretary, but from that of a pastor also who had many delightful and profitable experiences during his pastor years in the promotion of this work. You will want to hear him.

April

With Sunday school people April means the month of training in the spring. Many churches have and are taking advantage of this month for that. Many others have not done so yet.

Of course, we fully realize that a great number of our schools will have their week of training during the summer months, more especially the rural and village churches. However, it is better for the larger churches to have their training work at some other time other than during the summer. It is always a good time to train, therefore plan for a school to help your officers and teachers do more effectively their great work.

June

Yes, June is Victory Month for Mississippi Baptists to complete the paying of their debts. Let's enter into it in a way that will without doubt clear the last penny of our indebtedness. June is the month!

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ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Glory Roll

(These churches have exceeded their "announcements.")

Skene, Mt. Moriah (Calhoun), Indian Springs (Jones), Walnut Grove, Tupelo Calvary, Lowland (Leflore), Improve (Marion), Blue Mountain, Louisville, Pleasant Home (Jones), Vardaman, Carrollton, New Montpelier (Clay), Horse Shoe (Holmes), Shannon (Lee), Waxhaw (Bolivar), Smithville, Woodland (Pontotoc), Osborne Creek (Prentiss), Lexington, Lewisburg, Pickens, Center (Neshoba), New Augusta, Booneville, Dundee, Inverness, Walnut, New Albany, Wallerville, Mineral Wells (DeSoto), Sessums (Oktibbeha), Spring Hill (Pontotoc), McLain, Chalybeate, Dumas, Mizpah (Rankin), Pittsboro, Senatobia, Academy (Tippah), Hurricane (Attala), Wanilla (Lawrence), Swiftwater, McAdams, Learned, Midway (Lauderdale), Cold Springs (Covington), Mt. Oral (Jones), Hopewell (Scott), Baldwin, Purvis, Sidon, Lyon, Sabougla (Zion), Raleigh, Harrisburg (Lee), Blue Springs (Union Co.), McCurtain's Creek (Choctaw), Providence (Yalobusha), Camp Creek (Lee), Pope (Panola), Lambert, Mt. Zion (Tishomingo).

Added this week: Pocahontas, Corinth First, Antioch (Jones), Holly Grove (Sunflower).

Honor Roll No. 1

(These churches have obtained more than 75% of their "announcements.")

Pine Grove (Clarke), West Point, Cary (Deer Creek), Leland, Louin, Friendship (Wayne), Blythe Creek (Zion), Wesson, Mt. Carmel (Leake), Summerland (Smith), New Providence (Leake), Euclatubba (Lee), Chalybeate, Curtis Creek (Tippah), Gaston (Alcorn), Eddin's Memorial (Newton), Faulkner, Silver Creek (Walthall), Melrose (Yazoo), Bethel (Leake), New Salem (Carroll), College Hill (Calhoun), Progress (Perry).

Added this week: Fulton First, Heuck's Retreat (Lincoln).

Honor Roll No. 2

(These churches have obtained more than 50% of their "announcements.")

Arcola, East Salem (Greene), Clinton, Jackson First, Meridian Fifteenth Avenue, Greenwood First, Holly Springs, Ripley, Grenada, Beulah (Attala), Bethany (Bolivar), Providence (Calhoun), Enterprise (Clarke), Bethesda (Lowndes), Collins, Elizabeth (Deer Creek), Providence (Grenada), Yokena (Hinds-Warren), Sharon (Jasper), Anguilla, Sunrise (Leake), Emmanuel (Lebanon), Flora, Kilmichael, Prospect (Perry), Pontotoc First, Briar Hill (Rankin), Sardis (Smith), Woodland (Chickasaw), New Haven (Choctaw), Midway (Leake), Mt. Zion (Leake), Lawrence, Brooksville, Maben Birdie (Riverside), Florence, Edinburg, East County Line (Leake), Ingram (Lee), Bethel (Noxubee), Adaton (Oktibbeha), Como, Big Springs (Yalobusha), Glenfield (Union Co.), Mt. Pisgah (Tallahatchie), Mt. Manna (Tate), Shiloh (Winston), Burns-ville, Beulah (Union Co.), New Hope (Leake), Antioch (Alcorn), Oakland (Yalobusha), Sylvarena (Yalobusha), Hebron (Yazoo), Tillatoba, Tupelo First, Nicholson (Pearl River), West Corinth (Alcorn), Poplar Springs (Copiah), Carthage, Duck Hill, Cleveland, Bethesda (Oktibbeha), Sardis, Sledge, Rolling Fork.

Added this week: Piave (Greene), Toccopola.

Helpers' Roll

These churches have obtained from 1% to 49% of their "announcements.")

Bear Creek (Attala), Canaan (Benton), Boyle, Bruce, Providence (Carroll), Amity (Chickasaw), Ackerman, Harmony (Clarke), Crystal Springs, Mt. Horeb (Covington), Belzoni, Hernando, Lucedale, Biloxi First, Jackson Griffith Memorial, Goodman, Bay Springs (Jasper), Calvary (Jones), Center Ridge (Kemper), Oxford First, Meridian First, Crooked Creek (Lawrence), Hattiesburg First, Bissell (Lee), Itta Bena, Fair River (Lin-

coln), Canton First, Slayden (Marshall), Crosby (Mississippi), Center Hill (Monroe), Bluff Springs Neshoba, Conehatta (Newton), Elim (Noxubee), Self Creek (Oktibbeha), Batesville, Brewer (Perry), McComb First, Ecu, Steen's Creek (Rankin), Marks, Forest, Magee Lorena (Smith), Indianola, Friendship No. 2 (Tallahatchie), Coldwater, Whitten Town (Tippah), Old Ham (Tishomingo), Fayette (Union), Old Oak Grove (Union Co.), Tylertown, Ellison Ridge (Winston), Yazoo City, Mathiston (Zion), Concord (Adams-Franklin), West Corinth (Alcorn), Kosciusko First, Ashland, Calhoun City, Egypt (Chickasaw), Bethlehem (Choctaw), Quitman, Columbus First, Damascus (Copiah), Union Sr. (Covington), Greenville, Eudora (DeSoto), Agricola (George), Leakesville, Hardy (Grenada), Gulfport First, Antioch (Hinds-Warren), Cruger, Escatawpa (Jackson), Prentiss (Jeff Davis), Ellisville, Blackwater (Kemper), Abbeville (Lafayette), Meridian Highland, Bethel (Lawrence), Friendship (Leake), Calvary (Lebanon), Plantersville (Lee), Morgan City, Columbia First, Byhalia, Aberdeen, Coldwater, Newton, Macon, Morgan Chapel (Oktibbeha), Starkville, Beaumont (Perry), Summit, Algoma, Brandon, Clarksdale First, Drew, Friendship No. 1 (Tallahatchie), Fellowship (Tippah), Belmont, Zion Hill (Union county), Mt. Carmel (Winston), Coffeeville, Anding (Yazoo), Cumberland (Zion), Lucien, Hinkle Creek (Alcorn), Flat Rock (Benton), Duncan, Houlika, Beulah (Choctaw), Shubuta, Gallman, Mt. Olive (Covington), Hollandale, Shady Grove (George), Biloxi Second, Edwards, Durant, Pascagoula First, Montrose (Jasper), Bassfield (Jeff Davis), Fairfield (Jones), Clear Creek (Lafayette), Daleville (Lauderdale), Monticello (Lawrence), Glendale (Lebanon), Saffilo, Schlater, Brookhaven, Columbia East, Potts Camp, Liberty, Amory, Oak Grove (Neshoba), Beulah (Newton), Shuqualak (Noxubee), Courtland, Corinth (Pearl River), Naville (Pike), Cherry Creek (Pontotoc), Antioch (Rankin), Darling (Riverside), Mendenhall, Fairview (Sunflower), Charleston, Tyro (Tate), Mt. Olive (Tippah), Fairview (Tishomingo), Union Church, Concord (Winston), Elam (Yalobusha), Black Jack (Yazoo) Eupora, New Salem (Adams-Franklin), Kossuth, Sallis, Hickory Flat, Merigold, Derma, Vaiden, Houston, Blythe Creek (Choctaw), Stonewall (Clark), Pheba, Georgetown, Salem (Covington), Pleasant Hill (DeSoto), Rocky Creek (George), Holcomb (Grenada), Bay St. Louis, Jackson Calvary, Tchula, East Moss Point (Jackson), Laurel First, DeKalb, Yellow Leaf (Lafayette), Goodwater (Lauderdale), Calvary (Lawrence), New Zion (Leake), Hattiesburg Main Street, Oak Grove (Lee), Mt. Pleasant (Lincoln), Galilee (Mississippi), New Prospect (Monroe), Linwood (Neshoba), Clarke-Venable (Newton), Crenshaw (Panola), Ricayune, Bogue Chitto (Pike), Oak Grove (Scott), Sylvarena (Smith), Ruleville, Bethany (Tallahatchie), Harmony (Tippah), Sardis (Winston), Bentonla, Mantee, Natchez First, Rienzi, Rosedale, Rocky Mount (Calhoun), Van Vleet, Chester (Choctaw), Union (Clarke), Siloam (Clay), Hazlehurst, Seminary (Covington), Lake Cormorant, Pine Level (Greene), Pass Christian, Jackson Southside, West, Moss Point, Laurel Second, Scooba, Union West (Lafayette), Meridian, 41st Avenue, Newhebron, Madden (Leake), Perkinson, Sherman, Riverside Money, Becker (Monroe), Bethlehem (Montgomery), Philadelphia First, Hickory, Concord (Noxubee), Sturgis, Good Hope (Panola), Richton, Silver Creek, (Pike), Toxish (Pontotoc), Thrasher, Liberty (Rankin), Hollywood (Riverside), Lake, Braxton, New Home (Smith), Moorhead, Paynes (Tallahatchie), New Hope (Tate), Providence (Tippah), New Harmony (Union county), Calvary (Winston), Center Ridge (Yazoo), Harmony (Zion), Kosciusko Second, Beulah (Bolivar), Midway (Calhoun), Okolona, Clear Springs (Choctaw), Davis Memorial Jackson, Ovett, Taylor, Russell (Lauderdale), Oakvale (Lawrence), Salem (Leake), 38th Avenue Hattiesburg, Verona, Mt. Pleasant (Marshall), Union, Vernon (Noxubee), Liberty Hill (Panola), Brewer (Perry), Puckett (Rankin), Jonestown, Springfield (Scott), Taylorsville, New Hope (Sunflower), Cascilla, Pleasant Hill (Tippah), Ingomar, Good Hope (Winston), Concord (Yazoo), Fellowship

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SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES

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an impenetrable wall that few things can enter. Religious prejudice is the greatest of all prejudices. They have preconceived ideas and will not be moved.

Then there are men who are ignorant but if you remove it they are willing to see it and will take it and be happy over it. Paul was ignorant of his procedure in persecuting Jesus and when his eyes were opened he was as strong the other way and so declared that Jesus is the Son of God in Damascus.

Then many people believe that Jesus is the Son of God but cannot prove it. They have heard their parents and preachers say it is true and of course they too believe it and are right in it but cannot offer the proof of it.

I desire to pass on to you some reasons why Jesus is the Son of God:

1. Because of what the angel called Him who was born to Mary—"The Son of the Highest"—Luke 1:32.
2. The testimony of God at the baptism of Jesus. The Trinity was present and God called Jesus His Son and was well pleased with Him.
3. The testimony of God at the Mount of Transfiguration—Matt. 17:15. This was the fulfillment of the prophecy of Moses in Deut. 18:18.
4. The testimony of demons, for they called Jesus the Son of God—Mark 5:7. They knew Jesus.
5. The testimony of men—Matt. 16:16. Also of others as in John 1:49.
6. The testimony of Jesus that He is divine: "I that speak unto thee am He"—John 4:26-9:37.

Jesus made claims that He was the Son of God, and some of those we call to your mind:

7. "I am the Bread of Life"—John 6:48.
8. "I am the Light of the World"—John 8:12.
9. "Before Abraham was, I am"—John 8:58.
10. "I am the Door, and I am the good Shepherd"—John 10:7 and 11.
11. "I am the Resurrection and the Life"—John 11:25.
12. "I am the way, the truth and the Life"—John 14:6.
13. "I am the true vine"—John 15:1.

Some of John's testimony that Jesus is divine:

John 1:1-14, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God and the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth." John saw this with his own eyes and heard it with his ears. He felt it as throbs in his heart and knew it.

Then some of the testimony of Paul as to the Deity of Jesus: Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness. Paul knew that it was a mystery. All of us know that it is a mystery and grant it at once and go on with our belief. You never hear your radio that you do not behold a mystery. You hear the sound of your friend's voice yonder a thousand miles away and recognize it. Yet we never think anything about it, but it is there. Just so, God can manifest Himself in flesh, if that is His purpose, and it was, and was the profoundest wisdom in it for it meets all men and all of their conditions in life and is a Savior of all who

trust Him. Great is the mystery of Godliness—God manifest in the flesh! God clothed in human form, with hands and feet, eyes and mouth, got hungry, thirsty, tired, sleepy, suffered, died and rose again. The God manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, that is at His baptism, seen of angels, that is when His temptation was ended, preached to the Gentiles, that is when He preached to the woman at the well and His tour through the upper coast when He fed the four thousand. He was among the Gentiles. He was believed on in the world. He had some followers at least 120 and many more and was taken up into glory. They saw Him go up into heaven from whence He had come.

14. Then the silent testimony of Mary at the cross:

There was one who saw Jesus crucified who knew whether He was divine or not and just one who knew and that was Mary, His mother. If Jesus had been illegal, Mary, if she had a drop of human love in her body for Jesus would have said to Pilate—"At an unguarded moment I fell. As a result this one came. I cannot stand to see Him tortured this way because of my sin!" And Pilate would have dismissed the case and court would have been adjourned. But she saw Jesus die and it was the fulfilling of the prophecy of Simeon, Luke 2:35—"Yea a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also." She said not a word which was a most certain fact that she knew He was the Son of God.

15. Then the physical effects of the crucifixion—the darkness of the world at the time. The rending of the veil of the temple which was the death of Judaism and priesthood of man and the making of the priesthood of God in Christ.

16. The testimony of the resurrection of Jesus—Jesus said, "As Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and nights so shall the Son of man be in the heart of the earth three days and nights"—Matt. 12:40, John 2:19, etc.

17. It seemed that for six months before the crucifixion Jesus told the disciples frequently that He would go to Jerusalem and be betrayed and die and be raised again the third day. Read Matt. 16 and on and see how often He spoke of it.

In the Old Testament it was said of Abraham that the Messiah came from his loins; of Jacob that He was to come from the tribe of Judah; of David that He was to come from his seed or line; of Isaiah that a child should be born and from Michi the place of His birth—Michi 5:2—Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6—Hosea 13:14.

The best attested truth in history today is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He was seen of men at least eleven times and people handled Him, worshipped Him, ate with Him and saw Him ascend into glory.

18. The Christian church rests upon this fact today:

The hope of every Christian is just here, on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is here we stand or fall and we cannot fall and will never fall with the risen Christ to stand upon. He has too many products in the world and has had them in every age and will until the end comes and that is because He is divine, God in the flesh and revealing God, the Father to us in all of His holiness and righteousness. And a Priest at the right hand of God interceding for us.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

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prate that our great church observe Mother's Day by making a substantial contribution to the motherless child in the Baptist Orphanage.

Mother's Day will afford a splendid opportunity for our congregations to make their first special offering to this cause for the current year. Please make your Mother's Day contribution as liberal as possible. To make a liberal contribution to the needy children at the Baptist Orphanage is a fine way to honor one's mother. There is no finer way!

If for any reason it is not the best and most appropriate time to take the offering on the 14th, use your best judgment in setting a date whereby most of your congregation may have an opportunity to make an offering. This may not be your regular day for preaching service; if not, use your preaching service day to make the offering. We suggest Mother's Day as the most appropriate time for churches that have services on this day. If another day during the month will suit better, use that day. We want to use the day when the most people will be reached. If it rains on this particular Sunday and your crowd is small, the offering will opportunity, pastors, Sunday school



(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

1. What do you know about "Ab-salom's Pillar"? (II Samuel 18:18). He said, "He had no son" to honor his pillar. Where will you find the statement that he had three sons?
2. Two or three firkins (containers) are mentioned in John 2:6. Why do we call them "firkins" and what amount of liquids would an ordinary firkin hold?
3. What was the most important duty of the "cup bearer" (or butler) as referred to in Genesis 40:2?
4. Can you explain the meaning of "under every green tree," as referred to in Ezekiel 6:13?

superintendents, Missionary Society presidents, and other church leaders.

The object of Mother's Day is to recall the memories of the mothers that are gone and through loving words and care to brighten the lives of mothers that remain; to comfort and cheer motherless children.

With love and appreciation, I am
Gratefully yours,
W. G. MIZE.

WHERE DOES YOUR ASSOCIATION STAND?

Below we show the number of churches in each association that did NOT give anything, according to our record, through the Cooperative Program for 1943. We have repeatedly said an interested layman or pastor in each association might better this situation by giving some time, thought, prayer, and effort to it. You will note that not a single association has a perfect record in this column. Four associations at the top lack a perfect record by only one church each. Let us make it a 100 percent record in our associations this year of 1944!

NUMBER CHURCHES IN EACH ASSOCIATION NOT GIVING TO CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM—1943:

I		VI	
1. Columbus	1	1. Chickasaw	6
2. George	1	2. Copiah	6
3. Jeff Davis	1	3. Jasper	6
4. Leflore	1	4. Kemper	6
II		5. Lafayette	6
1. Covington	2	6. Monroe	6
2. Greene	2	7. Newton	6
3. Gulf Coast	2	VII	
4. Hinds-Warren	2	1. Adams-Franklin	7
5. Madison	2	2. Alcorn	7
6. Pike	2	3. Itawamba	7
7. Riverside	2	4. Tate	7
8. Union	2	VIII	
III		1. Holmes	8
1. Benton	3	2. Jones	8
2. Clay	3	3. Neshoba	8
3. DeSoto	3	4. New Choctaw	8
4. Jackson	3	5. Union County	8
5. Lawrence	3	IX	
6. Lebanon	3	1. Marion	9
7. Liberty	3	2. Montgomery	9
8. Noxubee	3	3. Simpson	10
9. Oktibbeha	3	X	
10. Walthall	3	1. Carroll	10
IV		2. Pontotoc	10
1. Bolivar	4	XI	
2. Clarke	4	1. Leake	11
3. Prentiss	4	2. Tishomingo	11
4. Sunflower	4	XII	
5. Yalobusha	4	1. Attala	12
V		2. Lee	12
1. Choctaw	5	XIII	
2. Deer Creek	5	1. Calhoun	13
3. Grenada	5	2. Scott	13
4. Lauderdale	5	3. Tippah	13
5. Lincoln	5	XIV	
6. Marshall	5	1. Smith	14
7. Mississippi	5	2. Zion	14
8. Panola	5		
9. Pearl River	5		
10. Perry	5		
11. Rankin	5		

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Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for April 30
THE MAGNA CHARTA OF THE CHURCHES

Acts 15:1-35; Gal. 2:1-21

Introduction.

It has been easy enough for me to see that there are some advantages in a multiplicity of denominations, but I have never been able to see that advantages have tipped the beam against disadvantages. On the other hand, the existence of the two-and-seventy jarring sects has always been to me a matter of grief. I can not believe that splitting of believers into warring camps can be pleasing to the Lord who prayed that His disciples might be one—one in hope and doctrine, one in charity, "Giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. One body, and one Spirit, even as ye were called in one hope of your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all" (Ephesians 4:3-6). Here was a fine chance for the Norristites of Antioch to tell the Scarboroughites on Jerusalem Hill (or is that the name of the hill?) to go grass and eat mullein. But did they? Aren't you glad they did not, but that they got together so the Spirit could have His way with them? In this embryo division the devil saw a chance to set brother against brother in the community of the saints, but the brethren walked wisely, and the devil was foiled by the Lord. O, that it might ever be so among us.

I. THE COUNCIL. Acts 15:1-29.

1. The Question. Acts 15:1-6.

It is now twenty years since our Lord was crucified, and all these years have been filled with the preaching of the gospel, the making and training of disciples. All the earliest Christians were, of course, Jews, bringing with them out of their former state the rich inheritance of two thousand years of hallowed tradition. They had the only inspired Book in the world, and based upon that Book were the various practices which separated God's chosen from all other peoples of the earth. Among these honored practices was the rite of circumcision, to which every male child of the Jewish race was submitted in babyhood. And this rite was the initial one to all the others in the domestic and social and political and religious life of the people. Every Jewish Christian in the world had been circumcised, and indoctrinated in the teachings of the Old Testament, knew the Ten Words by

heart, and other long passages of the sacred Scriptures as well. Since the founder of Christianity was a Jew by race and breeding, and since all His earliest followers had been baptized by His Jewish herald, John, it would have been strange, it seems to me, if someone had not conceived the notion that proselytes from among the Gentiles to Christianity should pass through the process by which a Gentile was made a Jew. So it was that, forgetting or misunderstanding the many plain teachings of the Lord that He had come to do a new thing, to institute a new movement, to plant a new institution, there were earnest men who said, "Except ye be circumcised after the custom of Moses, ye can not be saved." "It always has been so among us who sit with the great teachers on Seminary Hill, Jerusalem, and we who live and learn and worship in the cradle of our religion, ought to know." "What are we Antiochians going to do? We have never observed the Jewish practice, though we do know we are saved. Paul and Barnabas did not even hint that we ought to do it, and they say it is unnecessary not only, but that yielding to the demand of you brethren from Jerusalem Hill, would void the gospel of the grace of God." Send a delegation of messengers up to Jerusalem and ask the brethren to confer with our brethren, doing all in complete submission to the will of the Spirit.

2. The Discussion. Acts 15:6-23.

Resolved: That No Man Can Experience and Enjoy the Saving Grace of God in Christ Except He Become and Continue a Jew.

This was the question before the conference, and it was debated with warmth and at length. Peter rose up and spoke to the assembly. He reminded the brethren that God had chosen him as the first preacher to a Gentile congregation, and that, responding to God's choice, he, Peter, had gone down from Joppa to Caesarea and preached the first sermon ever preached to a Gentile congregation, and that the Holy Spirit had interrupted it before the preacher had reached his peroration, and had fallen on all those Gentiles, and perceiving that these Gentiles had experienced the saving grace of God in Christ, Peter had put the matter to a vote of the brethren from the Jerusalem church, and had said, "If any one of you Jerusalem brethren is opposed to receiving these people as candidates for baptism upon this visible and audible evidence of their experience of saving grace, he will please indicate that opposition in the usual way." There was no opposition then, even though the Jerusalem brethren knew that these people were from among the uncircumcised. "Now," continued Peter, "our fathers tried in vain to wear this yoke of the Mosaic Law, as we did also; why, therefore, should we expect the Gentiles to do it? We believe that we shall be saved, not by works of the law or incisions in the flesh, but through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in like manner as they."

Then Peter sat down, and somebody said, "Brother Moderator and Brethren, here among us today are Brethren Paul and Barnabas, longtime members in full fellowship and good standing of this church. They have been missionaries to these Gentile people for years. I suggest, nay, I urge, yes! I make a motion, if I can get a second to it (of course he had to say that "if" thing, it be-

ing a Baptist church) that these two brethren be requested to tell us what they have seen among these Gentile people that would lead them to believe that the Lord can save them without their submission to the yoke of the law." "Carried! First, Brother Barnabas." And Barnabas stood up and spoke. Well, you've been thrilled by Leo Eddleman from Palestine and Bagby from Brazil. "Now, Brother Paul." You've heard Maddy speak of missions in the Orient. You've heard Hendon Harris tell of labors among the Chinese and of coming to literal death-grips with the devil. So Paul spoke. First of all, Brother Moderator submitted the appropriate Scripture and suggested the course to be pursued in the matter. His advice was acted upon. So the church agreed upon the course to be followed and stood united in the end.

3. The Decree. Acts 15:23-29.

The church chose Judas Barsabas and Silas to accompany Paul and Barnabas to Antioch and the other Gentile churches, and sent by the complete company the judgment of the church in the form of a decree. The decree proclaimed the demand of those who had previously gone down to Antioch and disturbed the brethren, and commended the two whom they now delegated to speak on behalf of the mother church, her eagerness to have fellowship with them in the community of the saints. Four prohibitions were laid upon Gentile Christians as matters of policy and purity. 1. Thou shalt eat no meat from the carcass of an animal slaughtered as a sacrifice to an idol. 2. Thou shalt eat no blood. 3. Thou shalt eat of the carcass of no animal or fowl which has been strangled. 4. Thou shalt not commit fornication. In other words, look to Jesus of Nazareth only as your personal Saviour, and learn to live decent Christian lives.

Do you say, "Oh! That's nothing new! Everybody observes those things." Oh, yeah! If you think that, brother, sister, you are either awfully simple or simply awful.

II. THE CONSEQUENCES. Acts 15:30-35.

In the church at Antioch these were very fine. The brethren were rejoiced. The messengers from Jerusalem were welcomed and listened to with profit by the saints. A fresh eagerness for the truth of the gospel laid hold of the saints at Antioch.

III. PAUL'S ACCOUNT OF THIS COUNCIL. Galatians 2:1-10.

Read it. You get the idea that Paul first sought out the leaders of the Jerusalem church and got their endorsement of his conduct before he brought the matter before the full conference. The result of the conference was that the brethren at Jerusalem gave the hand of fellowship to Paul and Barnabas and bade them godspeed on their mission to the Gentiles.

IV. PAUL REBUKES PETER. Gal. 2:11-21.

Read it. Peter had been for some time at Antioch, fraternizing with the brethren there, and having sweet fellowship with them, when certain brethren came to Antioch from Jerusalem, and seeing Peter having fellowship with the Gentile Christians, they raised their eyebrows a bit, whereat Peter gradually withdrew from the Gentiles, refusing their invitations home with them, no doubt, and doing other things of a like nature which wounded the feelings of



ANDREW ALLEN

Andrew Q. Allen has resigned as head of the elementary department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, to accept the position of business manager and patients relations official at the Baylor University Hospital in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Allen is a native of Texas and his friends are giving him a warm "welcome home."

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ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES—

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(Zion), Meadville, Morrison Chapel (Bolivar), Spring Creek (Calhoun), Concord (Choctaw), Sardis (Copiah), Jackson, Northside, Montrose (Jasper), Laurel, West, Oak Grove (Lauderdale), Oma (Lawrence), Standing Pine (Leake), (Hattiesburg), River Avenue, Pleasant Valley (Lee), New Sight (Lincoln), Hathorn (Marion), Ft. Adams (Mississippi), Longtown (Panola), Longview (Pontotoc), Mt. Pisgah (Rankin), Lula, Lorena (Scott), Wilkinson Memorial (Smith), Sunflower, Philipp, Pleasant Ridge (Tippah), Poplar Flat (Winston), Water Valley, Rocky Springs (Yazoo), Pilgrim's Rest (Zion), Hopewell (Adams-Franklin), Providence (Bolivar), Slate Springs (Calhoun), Ebenezer (Choctaw), Shady Grove (Copiah), Raymond, Tchula, Pine Grove (Jones), Liberty (Lauderdale), Topeka (Lawrence), Thomastown (Leake), Wiggins, Mission Hill (Lincoln), Peach Creek (Panola), Magnolia, Oak Dale (Rankin), Tunica, Holly Ridge (Sunflower), Webb, Clear Springs (Yalobusha), Tomnolen, Fentress (Choctaw), Smyrna (Copiah), Terry, Sharon (Jones), Tuscola (Leake), Macedonia (Lebanon), Union (Panola), Pelahatchie, Union Chapel (Riverside), New Hope (Yalobusha), Walhall (Zion).

Added this week: Mt. Moriah (Choctaw), New Zion (Choctaw), Strong Hope (Copiah), Utica, Van Winkle, Sandersville (Jones), Union Ridge (Leake), Calvary (Lebanon), Lumberton, Star (Rankin).

—BR—

Bolivar County Mission: H. C. Clower pastor, writes that one of his mission points which is a newly organized church named Centerfield is well on its way to erecting a church building.

the Antiochians. When Paul came to Antioch from one of his missions and found Peter thus truckling to the racial and religious prejudices of the Judean Christians, he told Peter off to his face, and before other brethren.

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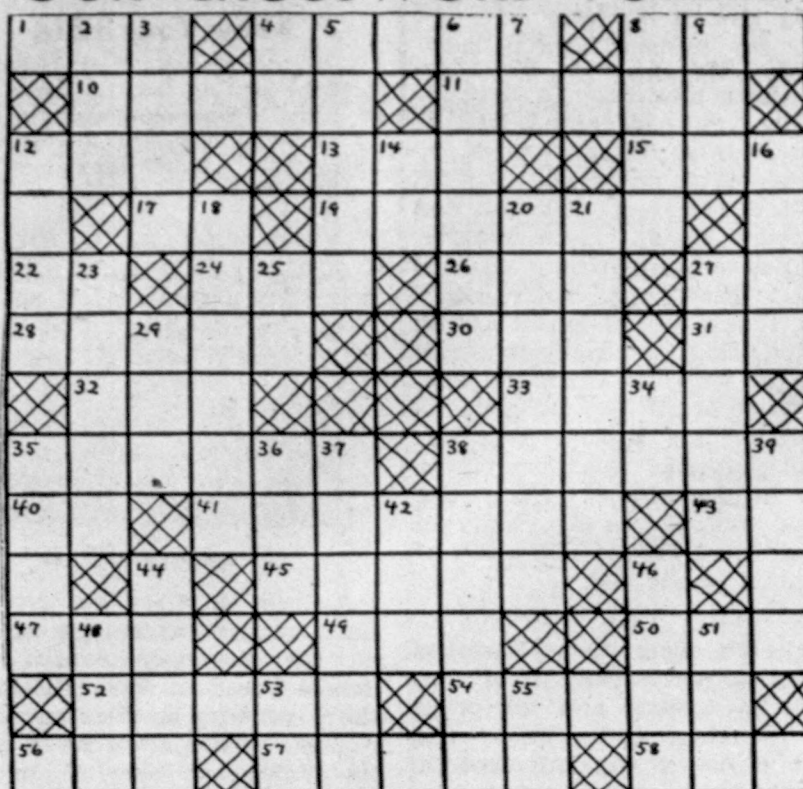
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ACROSS

- 1 The Creator.
- 4 "And God called the dry land . . ."
Gen. 1:10.
- 8 "And God called the light . . ."
- 10 "the darkness He called . . ."
- 11 Kind of type.
- 12 "Come and . . . the works of God."
- 13 Sailor.
- 15 "and have dominion over the fish of the . . ."
- 17 Seat of government.
- 19 Pertaining to the first man.
- 22 God in Hebrew names.
- 24 River in Switzerland.
- 26 River in England.
- 27 The soul (Egypt. Relig.).
- 28 Song.
- 30 Sea eagle.
- 31 Measure.
- 32 "... thee behind me, Satan."
- 33 Thatch composed of palm leaves.
- 35 "And God created great . . ."
- 38 "and filleth thee with the . . . of the wheat." Psalm 147:14.
- 40 Pronoun.
- 41 "And the . . . and the morning were the first day."
- 43 Terbium.
- 45 East longitude.
- 47 "Let thine . . . now be attentive, and thine eyes open," Neh. 1:6.
- 49 Pasture.
- 50 Implement.
- 52 "God created man in his own . . ."
- 54 "For thou has made him a little . . . than the angels," Ps. 8:5.
- 56 "let the . . . land appear."
- 57 The . . . of creation is given in the first chapter of Genesis.
- 58 "and . . . became a living soul."

DOWN

- 2 "... thing I do," Phil. 3:13.
- 3 "and all flesh . . . that moved upon the earth," Gen. 7:21.
- 4 Interjection.
- 5 Perfume.
- 6 Long-drawn speech.
- 7 Cry of surprise.
- 8 Flat circular plate.

- 9 A very little.
- 12 "Behold, I have given you every herb bearing . . ."
- 14 Public notice.
- 16 The first man.
- 18 "living creature after his kind . . . and creeping thing."
- 20 "and the . . . were the first day."
- 21 Prefix "beg" to this and you have the time of creation.
- 23 "the greater . . . to rule the day."
- 25 Always.
- 27 "and . . . of the earth after his kind."
- 29 Shrub.
- 34 Letter of the Hebrew alphabet, used in Psalm 119.
- 35 Relation of 36 down to 16 down.
- 36 The first woman.
- 37 Dealer.
- 38 Termination.
- 39 "and the . . . yielding fruit."
- 42 "unto the day that . . . entered into the ark," Matt 24:38.
- 44 "chief captain of his . . ."
- 46 Eldest son of Noah.
- 48 "and the birds of the . . . have nests," Matt. 8:20.
- 51 Mouths.
- 53 "Else, if thou refuse to let my people . . ." Ex. 10:4.
- 55 Conjunction.

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TWENTY NEW MISSIONARIES APPOINTED

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bama; Ruby Lenire Wheat, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Two were appointed to Palestine: Robert Lisle Lindsey and Mrs. Lindsey, Norman, Oklahoma.

Miss Dorine Cobb Hawkins, Newcastle, Oklahoma, and Miss Ruby Burton Hines, San Antonio, Texas, will go to South America.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pierson of El Paso, Texas, were appointed for work in Mexico.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul O'Neal, who were on the ill-fated Zam Zam, en route to Africa, were reappointed and Dr. O'Neal plans to leave early this summer for Ogbomosh, Nigeria, where Southern Baptists have maintained a mission hospital for a number of years.

Dr. Maddry reported increased receipts in 1943, totaling \$2,297,735.05 of which amount \$747,416.57 was contributed by Southern Baptist women in the Lottie Moon offering (the next day after the Board adjourned, Treasurer E. P. Buxton announced that the Lottie Moon cash receipts now total more than \$760,000). The gifts for 1943 were an increase over the preceding year of \$624,566.55. Southern Baptists gave approximately one-half million dollars for World Emergency Relief. The Foreign Mission Board is providing a reserve fund for postwar reconstruction and rehabilitation in the seventeen mission fields occupied by Southern Baptists.

Dr. Charles E. Maddry reaffirmed his purpose to retire in 1945 as Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, although he covets the privilege of continuing to lay world missions on the hearts of Southern Baptists, after being relieved of the arduous duties of administration. The Board honored Dr. Maddry by unveiling his portrait, painted by a famous Virginia artist.

Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., in presenting the portrait to the Board, and Dr. Ryland Knight, in accepting in behalf of the Board, paid deserved tributes to Dr. Maddry as a glorious missionary leader. He came to the Board in the time of the deepest depression and the indebtedness of the Foreign Mission Board was far beyond \$1,000,000. By his courage, faith, consecration, compassionate heart, and unrelenting toil, Dr. Maddry led Southern Baptists out of the depths, and gave them a new vision of their obligation to a lost world. Now the Foreign Mission Board is not only out of debt, but has more than \$1,000,000 in reserve for the unprecedented demands and opportunities that will face us when the war closes.

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In a recent news item concerning New Haven church it was stated that it was in Copiah county. This good church is in Hinds county.

GREENVILLE RECEIVES ABOVE ONE HUNDRED AT REVIVAL

During an eight-day meeting, 108 members were received into First Baptist Church, Greenville, 61 by baptism. Dr. W. H. Knight, secretary of the Louisiana Convention Board, was guest preacher. The auditorium of the First church was taxed to accommodate the evening crowds and there was record breaking attendance at the morning services. The church had made ample preparation for the meeting. For weeks Pastor C. S. Henderson had emphasized the importance of preaching, prayer and personal work as factors of a great revival. Preceding the meeting, under the auspices of the Training Union, the church conducted a School of Evangelism attended by more than 150 members. Dr. Henderson taught a class in "Soul Winning" out of which was formed a band of personal workers who met daily during the revival for prayer and plans for personal work.

Dr. Henderson says, "I regard Dr. W. H. Knight as one of the greatest preachers of the South. His manly appearance, dynamic personality, forthright presentation of the Gospel made a tremendous appeal to all, especially to the men. There is nothing sensational or spectacular about his message. His preaching is characterized by the rare combination of a scholarly approach and evangelistic appeal. His ability to plead for a decision is unsurpassed by any man I have ever heard. The secret of his effective preaching can be explained by his comprehensive knowledge of the Bible and the world, his passion-

MOTHER'S DAY—BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

By Mrs. W. G. Mize

Recently my husband said to our three-year-old daughter, "Nancy, we will have to go to town soon." She replied "What for?" And then he explained, "To get something for Mother's Day." She thought a moment and said, "Let's get something for Jerry's day and my day, too." The second Sunday in May is Mother's Day, but it is also Mary's, John's, Tom's and Jean's Day too at the Baptist Orphanage because all these boys and girls are looking to you good Baptist friends for a generous cash offering on that day. Your dollars mean home, food, clothing, education, training and happiness to them. Honor your mother by sending a love offering to help mother many dependent children. Memorialize your mother by providing for those who know this institution as the only home they possess. Express the gratitude in your heart for having had a normal happy home with a mother and father in it, by supporting the home that is next-best, since only that place which houses father, mother and children is truly best.

—BR—

Eddie L. Scruggs has accepted the field of churches including Sand Hill, Indian Hill and Unity, all in Greene county. He is living on the field at Sand Hill.

ate yearning for the lost, his manifest love for the Lord, his abiding faith in Jesus Christ and his humble dependence upon the power of the Holy Spirit."

Answers To Know Your Bible

1. (Absalom's pillar): In II Samuel 18:18, he said he had "no son to keep his name in remembrance." According to II Samuel 14:27, however, Absalom had "three sons and one daughter."

2. ("Two or three firkins"): The firkin was referred to in John 2:6. "Firkin" is from the Greek, meaning a measure of capacity, each firkin holding approximately 8 gallons 3½ pints.

3. (The cup bearer, or butler): One of his important duties was the pouring of the drink to be served to the king. His trustworthiness was depended upon by the king, lest he be bribed to put poison in the wine served to him.

4. ("Under every green tree"): The early inhabitants of Canaan conducted an idolatrous practice of nature worship associated with trees, and especially "green trees" (or evergreens). This kind of idolatry was frowned on by Old Testament prophets. Ezekiel, for example, refers to such worship in chapter 6:13 as "offering sweet savour to all their idols, under every green tree."

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STATE MISSION WORK AMONG NEGRO LEADERS

Mississippi Baptists have this year in the spirit of Christ enlarged their helpfulness toward the 1,000,000 Negroes of our state—350,000 of whom are Baptists. We have two full-time Negro workers in the field through June, 1944. In addition, we have already had the privilege of conducting six Bible Institutes. This picture shows one of the several study groups from these Bible Institutes. Dr. D. Swan Haworth, pastor of First Church, Vicksburg, is the teacher in this instance. Some splendid Negro leaders will be found in this group. Larger groups came to them in the evening services. It is hoped by both white and colored that this Mississippi Baptist State Mission service may be extended and continued in the days ahead.



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CHURCHES CHARGE WPB FAVORITISM

Building Materials Refused to Three Congregations in War Town—Aged Supported by Florida Gamblers

Macon, Ga., March 7—Developments in connection with the Warner Robins Air Depot, a wartime industrial community near Macon that has mushroomed into existence during the past two years, warrant the assertion that the church is being discriminated against by the War Production Board. While multiplied millions have been spent in constructing acres of factories, shops and warehouses, and other millions for the erection of barracks, housing units, hospitals, dormitories, schools, USO centers, recreation halls, theaters, swimming pools and bowling alleys, it has been absolutely impossible to obtain essential materials for the building of a church that would cost a few thousand dollars. All applications made to WPB by congregations at Warner Robins have been turned down with the statement that the project should be postponed for the duration.

Three New Congregations Lack Housing

So at present, in a community expected to be permanent, with a civilian population of approximately 10,000, where millions of dollars have been spent to provide modern facilities for virtually every other interest, three newly organized congregations are struggling along under the most deplorable conditions. The Baptists are worshipping in an old dilapidated country school, the Methodists in a crude structure that was used as a temporary office by constructing contractors, and the Presbyterians in a onetime railroad station. Apparently the WPB believes that religious life is of negligible importance in an emergency.—Christian Century.

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WHAT B. S. U. WORK HAS MEANT TO ME

Baptist Student Union work has been a far-reaching influence of incredible value on my life during my scholastic career at Mississippi Southern College.

B. S. U. work has really made my college life happy and enjoyable, for in this work I have been closely associated with and have experienced true fellowship with the girls and boys on our campus, who are definitely interested in the promotion of Christianity on our college campus.

In my estimation, the greatest gift a young person in college could pass to another college mate would be encouraging them to become members of Christian organizations so that their spiritual life will grow and develop to the highest peak, and that God, as a secret Companion to all who will admit Him into their lives, may be a true reality and their lives may be shining lights to the world.

When our college campuses become Christianized, then will our America be more worthy of its title "A Christian Democracy."

VONDEE LOTT,
President of B. S. U. Council,
Mississippi Southern College,
Hattiesburg, Miss.

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We recently received a nice list of names to be added to the Pleasant

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THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—ITS OPPORTUNITIES AND BLESSINGS

Several years ago, in a conference on Vacation Bible school work, Dr. Homer Grice said, "A Vacation Bible school will help your church." He was talking to one pastor at least who had never made a place in the yearly program of his church for the Vacation Bible school. There was no conviction as to the value and blessing of the Vacation Bible school, but there was a desire to help the church. That year a Vacation Bible school was recommended to the church. The church voted to accept the responsibility. We have had a school each year since, and now it is a repeated item in our calendar of church activity, as much so as the "annual revival." The school is financed through the church budget. The principal of the school is elected when other officers and teachers of the church are elected. He has a year to plan the school.

Listed below are some reasons why the Vacation Bible school is in the yearly program of our church:

1. Evangelistic Opportunity. Almost every Vacation Bible school has resulted in conversions. Registration cards locate the lost among Juniors and Intermediates. All members of the faculty are given the names of these children, and are urged to seek the Holy Spirit's leadership in reference to their salvation.

2. Bible Teaching Opportunity. You can do more constructive Bible teaching in two weeks in the Vacation Bible school than you can in six months in the Sunday school. And we all know the value and benefit of the Sunday school. That is saying a great deal, but if you do not believe it, try it.

3. Enlistment Opportunity. Not all Sunday school teachers will be in a position to give two weeks to the Vacation Bible school. I have discovered and enlisted more teacher material for the Sunday school through the Vacation Bible school than in any other way. When once they taste it, they like it. Many volunteer to be workers in the school next year. I am thinking now of a

B. T. U. director—Velda Lightsey.
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Life Service Band president—Almyra Miller.
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Chorister—Eugene Keebler.
Faculty advisor—Dr. H. D. Pickens.
Baptist Student Union secretary—Rev. C. S. Moulder.

fine Christian lady who hesitated to accept a place as superintendent of a department. She was told that the work was planned in detail in the text, and that no previous experience was necessary. She said, "I will do my best." Before the school was over she volunteered her service for the next year. She became one of the best teachers I have ever known.

4. Enlargement Opportunity. There are always some children in the Vacation Bible school who are not members of the Sunday school. They can easily be transferred from the Vacation Bible school roll to the Sunday school roll by private conversation and by letting the school go over into the Sunday school hour the following Sunday morning with commencement exercises preceding the preaching service. I have added entire families to the Sunday school roll in this manner. The children get the parents out to see them in the commencement exercises. One father was impressed by seeing a notebook and handwork display in the church. As a veteran of World War I he thrilled to know his church had taught his Junior boy to give the pledge to the United States Flag. He actually offered to pay the entire expenses of the school, and he became regular in attendance in Sunday school.

5. Social Contact Opportunity. There is no better opportunity, except home visitation, for a pastor to know the children of his church than that offered by Vacation Bible school. It helps to be able to call "Bill" by his name or nickname. This is a little thing, but it results in big things. After a ball game in which the pastor played second base, an Intermediate boy was won to Christ. The lad came in from his position in center field, the pastor talked to him concerning Christ Jesus. Both bowed in prayer on second base. He surrendered to Jesus. The following morning when the pastor gave the invitation at the close of the worship hour he came forward. He is now in uniform overseas. A recent letter from him assured the pastor that he faced the future with the peace of Christ in his heart.

Let me challenge you as pastor and

CHISIS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association, in annual session, in Fort Worth, Texas, with an attendance of more than 150 religious education workers representing ten Southern Baptist states, presented the following statement:

"We find that the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention are facing an increasing shortage of directors of religious education. Around one hundred now seeking such workers are unable to secure them. This is due primarily to the fact that our churches have not in the past given these men a vocational rating comparable to that given teaching ministers of other evangelical denominations. . . . The efficiency of religious and moral teaching and training in our churches has been weakened at a time when the youth of the land are facing the most critical situation any generation of youth ever confronted, as the current crime wave demonstrates.

"We also find that these workers are handicapped for the same reason when they seek to enter the chaplaincy. The term, educational director, is not understood by the national committee dealing with this work. They have to go under the title of assistant pastor and must have had twice as long an experience as the pastor in order to qualify. . . . This is not true with other professional workers such as pastors, doctors, nurses and technicians. There is a growing tendency to give definite recognition to these workers and thus correct the problem. At the meeting of the representatives of the three Southern Baptist seminaries at Louisville in 1942, a resolution was passed urging the denomination to give such recognition to these workers as local churches saw fit to give. A similar recommendation was presented by the Executive Committee to the Southern Baptist Convention the same year. Since that time nearly a score of Southern Baptist churches in about eight states have recognized these vocational workers in religious education, either by licensing or ordaining them and designating them as ministers of education rather than educational directors.

"The basis of this special setting apart is founded on the conviction that these workers are called of God for this service and dedicated to this cause. The New Testament recognizes teachers as well as prophets and apostles as vocational workers in the church (Ephesians 4:11). We feel that recognition by churches and the denomination is solving the problems mentioned above and if followed generally by Baptist churches in the South, will not only help to save the cause of religious education but also enable vocational workers to go into the service of their country in line with their life work."

church to try a Vacation Bible school this year. Not that we may report the largest number of Vacation Bible schools ever in Mississippi, but for the eternal good that only God knows to our children, pastors and churches. Plan one now for Christ.

H. D. JORDAN, Pastor,
Bunker Hill Baptist Church.